

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the government of Kilgore, Texas celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017, and

Whereas, small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

Whereas, 90 percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

Whereas, 89 percent of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

Whereas, 73 percent of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends of family; and

Whereas, the most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their Community (64%); and

Whereas, Kilgore, Texas supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

Whereas, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. E. Spradlin III, Mayor of the City of Kilgore, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018 as

“Small Business Saturday” in the City of Kilgore

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kilgore to be affixed this 6th day of November in the year 2018.

CITY OF KILGORE, TEXAS


R. E. SPRADLIN, III, MAYOR