



## PROCLAMATION

The Woodlands, Texas

### BE IT PROCLAIMED:

Whereas, The Woodlands Township celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States; and

Whereas, small businesses account for 99.7% of all businesses in the United States; and

Whereas, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

Whereas, 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned eating establishments is important; and

Whereas, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

Whereas, The Woodlands Township supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

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

Whereas, residents of our community, and communities across the country, are encouraged to support small businesses and merchants on *Small Business Saturday* and throughout the year;

Now, Therefore, I, Gordy Bunch, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018, as:

### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

In The Woodlands, Texas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused this Seal of The Woodlands Township to be affixed hereto this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year Two Thousand Eighteen.

Gordy Bunch, Chairman of the Board, The Woodlands Township  
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