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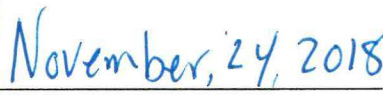
- WHEREAS,** the City of Redmond celebrates its local small businesses and the contributions they make to the local economy and community; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and they 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,** the most reported reason for consumers to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and
- WHEREAS,** Redmond, Washington, supports its local businesses that create jobs, boost the local economy, and preserve the community; 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, JOHN MARCHIONE,** Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

and urge the residents of Redmond and communities across the country to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.





John Marchione, Mayor


Date