



**Office of the Mayor**  
***Proclamation***

**WHEREAS,** *the government of Bettendorf, Iowa, 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 which represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and are responsible for 66 percent of new jobs created over the past 20 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *small businesses employ 48 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Bettendorf supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and*

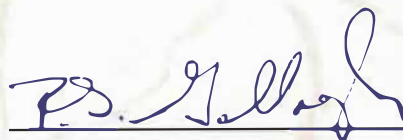
**WHEREAS,** *advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Robert S. Gallagher, Mayor of the City of Bettendorf do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:*

***"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"***

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

**DATED** *this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.*

  
Mayor Robert S. Gallagher

