



*Office of the Mayor
City of Moline, Illinois*

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, 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,** 73 percent of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family, with the most reported reason for doing so to support their local community ; and
- WHEREAS,** 89 percent of consumers aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long, and 90 percent say it has had a positive impact on their community; and
- WHEREAS,** Moline, Illinois, celebrates and 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, Stephanie Acri, Mayor of Moline 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Moline, Illinois, to be affixed this Sixth day of November, the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Stephanie Acri, Mayor

