

**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN**  
**2018 Small Business Saturday Proclamation**

**Whereas**, the Village of Oak Lawn, 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% of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 65.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and

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

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

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

**Whereas**, 73% of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or 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**, Village of Oak Lawn 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, Dr. Sandra Bury, Mayor of the Village of Oak Lawn, Illinois 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



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Village President, Dr. Sandra Bury

ATTEST:

  
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Village Clerk, Jane M. Quinlan, MMC