

PROCLAMATION

of

The City of Wichita, Kansas Founded in 1870

Whereas, Wichita celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community and according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, that represent 99.9 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, making up 47.5% of the private workforce; and

Whereas, small businesses created 1.9 million net jobs, and firms employing fewer than 20 employees experienced the largest gains and added 1.1 million net jobs; and

Whereas, a total of 294,834 companies exported goods from the United States and of these, 287,835, or 97.6%, were small firms generating 32.9% of the United States' \$1.3 trillion in total exports; and

Whereas, Wichita supports our local small businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the majority of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States and that 76 percent of consumers in the United States plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Jeff Longwell, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, with the Wichita City Council 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.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeff Longwell".

Jeff Longwell, Mayor

November 24, 2018

Date