



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the government of Lafayette, Louisiana celebrates local small businesses and the contributions they make to our 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, representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

WHEREAS, those same small businesses are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017 and 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 that *Small Business Saturday* has had a positive impact on their community and 89 percent of consumers who are aware of *Small Business Saturday* said that the day encourages them to *Shop Small* all year long; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette, Louisiana supports local businesses that create jobs, boosts local economy and preserves 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, Joel Robideaux, Mayor-President of Lafayette Consolidated Government, 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 Seal of the Lafayette Consolidated Government to be affixed this 16th day of November, 2018.


JOEL ROBIDEAUX, MAYOR-PRESIDENT
LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

