

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Batiste and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2018

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 24, 2018 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, the government of Natchitoches, Louisiana, 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 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 62.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 47.5 percent 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, Natchitoches, Louisiana 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, Lee Posey, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, 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.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Batiste, Nielsen, Harrington, Morrow
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to
0 Nays on this 13th day of November, 2018.


DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE