

\* Proclamation \*

of the Council of the Town of La Plata, Maryland

*Shop La Plata on Small Business Saturday – November 24, 2018*

- WHEREAS,** the Council of the Town of La Plata celebrates its local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and
- WHEREAS,** the resources from local businesses help support law enforcement, utilities, special events, parks, and other valued municipal services; and
- WHEREAS,** commercial property accounts for over 20% of the property taxes paid to the Town; and
- WHEREAS,** whichever local business you support; the owners and employees of the businesses often live right in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Small Business Administration, there are currently more than 500,000 small businesses in the state of Maryland, employing more than half of the state's private workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** advocacy groups and public and private organizations in small towns across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and
- WHEREAS,** one of the Town of La Plata's best qualities is its unique array of locally owned and operated independent small businesses which are part of the traditions and heritage of the community. Local small business owners are committed to the Town of La Plata, contribute to the local economy, offer quality jobs for residents, engage in civic concerns and are essential to our success; and
- WHEREAS,** support of these small businesses is critical to maintaining and revitalizing the downtown area of La Plata, economic development and growth, and the quality of life and sustainability; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town values new small businesses who open shops and restaurants in the Town of La Plata and celebrates the diversity of goods and services they bring our community; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA** that Saturday, November 24, 2018 is "Small Business Saturday" in the Town of La Plata, and encourages all residents and visitors to attend *Shop La Plata* celebrations on Small Business Saturday, and continue to support locally owned small businesses throughout the year because everyone can play a part in strengthening our local economy and revitalizing the downtown area of La Plata.

SEAL:



Attest:

*Danielle Mandley*  
Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk  
Date: *November 13, 2018*

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA

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