

# City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte is a vibrant community with a large business sector that includes thousands of locally owned small businesses in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are a vital component of the Charlotte economy by creating quality jobs for our residents, engaging in philanthropic and civic concerns, helping to preserve neighborhoods and key business corridors, and improving the quality of life of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, support of local small businesses is critical to maintaining a robust and socially, environmentally and financially sustainable community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte values local small businesses and celebrates the diversity of goods and services they provide and the contributions they make to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant amount of commerce in Charlotte and across the United States is conducted around the Thanksgiving holiday, during which Small Business Saturday occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Charlotte are being asked to support local small businesses on Small Business Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and throughout the year, as a way to boost the local economy and strengthen Charlotte's small business community:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 as

## “SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”

in the city of Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

**WITNESS MY HAND** and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



*Vi Alexander Lyles*  
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Vi Alexander Lyles  
Mayor