



Office of the Manhattan Borough President
City of New York

Proclamation

Whereas: We are proud to acknowledge those organizations and individuals that have remained committed to improving our city and vibrantly enriching the community; and

Whereas: New York City celebrates our 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 28.8 million small businesses in the United States which represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States and are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; and

Whereas: small businesses employ 48 percent of private-sector workers in the United States; and

Whereas: 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States and 93 percent agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

Whereas: there are about 220,000 small businesses in New York City, and they are what turn our blocks into neighborhoods; and

Whereas: advocacy groups have joined with public and private organizations across the country to endorse the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday;

Now Therefore, I, Gale A. Brewer, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018,

“Small Business Saturday Appreciation Day”
in the Borough of Manhattan.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Manhattan to be affixed.

Gale A. Brewer
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President, Borough of Manhattan

