



PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Dedicated to supporting the diverse range of local businesses that help to create jobs, boost the economy, and enhance neighborhoods around the country, Small Business Saturday celebrates the businesses that employ over 49 percent of the working population. Responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the 20 years, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States; and

Whereas: Across the country, Small Business Saturday is recognized as the Saturday after Thanksgiving, falling between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This day was created to support local businesses, to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses and to highlight their impact on our communities both locally and nationally; and

Whereas: On Staten Island, small businesses contribute to the local economy, employ residents, and preserve the culture of our neighborhoods; and

Whereas: Staten Islanders recognize the importance of small businesses in our Borough and encourage fellow residents to support local businesses on Small Business Saturday, as well as throughout the year,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES S. ODDO

President of the Borough of Staten Island, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the City and State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY *in the Borough of Staten Island.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Staten Island this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

James S. Oddo
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