

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *IN HONOR and SUPPORT OF* **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

WHEREAS, the City of Parma celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generate half of private gross domestic product; and

Whereas, small businesses employ 1/2 of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

Whereas, most consumers agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community and most consumers are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parma supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM DEGEETER, Mayor of the City of Parma, do hereby support:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Parma, Ohio to be here affixed on this 13th day of November, 2018.



TIM DeGEETER, Mayor, City of Parma