



THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma 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 30.2 million small businesses in the United States; they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees; they are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from the year 2000 to 2017; and small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of consumers in the United States say that *Small Business Saturday* has had a positive impact on their community and 89 percent of consumers who are aware of *Small Business Saturday* say the day encourages them to *Shop Small* all year long; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID HOLT, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in Oklahoma City and urge the residents of our community to shop local and support our small businesses and merchants throughout the year.

Given under my hand and the Seal of The City of Oklahoma City this 6th day of November 2018.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Holt".

Mayor David Holt

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn Kerry".

City Clerk

