

County of Montgomery



Proclamation

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County 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, and they are responsible for employing 48% of workers in the private sector in the United States; and,
- WHEREAS,** Pennsylvania's small businesses employ 46.7% of the state's private workforce; and,
- WHEREAS,** On average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and,
- WHEREAS,** Some 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important, and 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and,
- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County, Pennsylvania supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and,
- WHEREAS,** Advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and,
- NOW, THEREFORE,** We, the Commissioners of Montgomery County, do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:

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And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair

Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair

Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

County Commissioners