

RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 24, 2018
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
IN THE TOWN

WHEREAS: The government of Middletown, Rhode Island, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; 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 in the United States, are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017, and

WHEREAS: Small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States, and

WHEREAS: Ninety percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community, and

WHEREAS: Eighty-nine percent of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long, and

WHEREAS: Seventy-three percent of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family, and

WHEREAS: The most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community, and

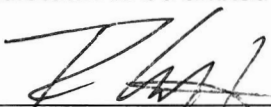
WHEREAS: The Town of Middletown supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities, and

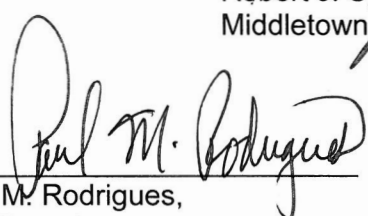
WHEREAS: Advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

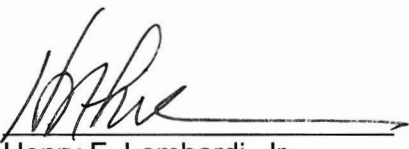
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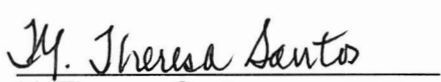
RESOLVED: The Town Council of the Town of Middletown, on behalf of all its citizens, proclaims November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday in the Town, and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

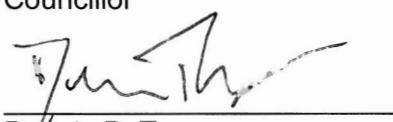
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Middletown to be affixed this 5th Day of November 2018. A.D.


Robert J. Sylvia, President
Middletown Town Council

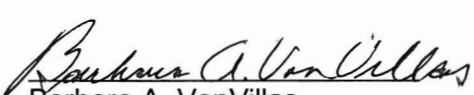

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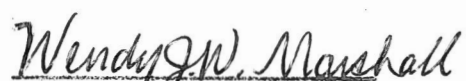

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Councillor

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READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL


WENDY J.W. MARSHALL, CMC
TOWN CLERK