



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The City of Fairfax, Virginia celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to job creation, which boost our local economy and preserves our neighborhoods; and*
- WHEREAS, According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, which represents 99.7 percent of all businesses and employ 48 percent of the private sector employees and, are responsible for 66 percent of the net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and*
- WHEREAS, 89 percent of consumers aware of Small Business Saturday say it encourages them to shop at independently-owned retailers and restaurants year around and majority of Small Business Saturday shoppers do so with friends or family in support of their local community; 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*
- WHEREAS, The Office of Economic Development, the Economic Development Authority, and the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce remain committed to cultivating the strongest business community possible here in the City of Fairfax including this year's programming to support our community of small businesses.*

Now Therefore, I, David L. Meyer, Mayor of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, in concert with the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

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

Done this thirtieth day of November 2018.

Attest:

Melvin R. Crain
City Clerk



David L. Meyer

Mayor