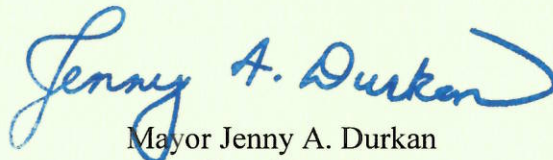


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** small businesses are the backbone of our economy: 94 percent of Seattle's businesses have fewer than 50 employees, and employ over 200,000 people; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses are not only drivers of our economy but the connective tissue in our cultural fabric, bringing Seattle its unique and vibrant character; and
- WHEREAS,** by shopping at small local businesses, Seattleites are supporting their neighbors, connecting with their community and finding unique products and experiences that can't be found anywhere else; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses contribute to nonprofit and community organizations at double the rate of large businesses, making them crucial to their local communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle is incredibly supportive of our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and enhance our neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** we urge the residents of our communities to support small businesses and merchants not only on Small Business Saturday, but throughout the year;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, JENNY A. DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
NOVEMBER 24, 2018 TO BE*

Small Business Saturday



Mayor Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle

