



Office of the Mayor

# The City of Morgantown

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## Proclamation

- Whereas,** the government of Morgantown, West Virginia, 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% of all businesses with employees in the United States, and are responsible for 65.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and
- Whereas,** small businesses employ 47.5% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and
- Whereas,** 90% of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and
- Whereas,** 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and
- Whereas,** 73% 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 City of Morgantown supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; 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 (64%); and
- Whereas,** advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

Now therefore, I, William Kawecki, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim  
November 24th, 2018, as:

## Small Business Saturday

In the City of Morgantown, 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.

Seal:



*William A. Kawecki*  
William Kawecki, Mayor