

## *A Resolution Recognizing Small Business Saturday*

**Whereas**, the City of Bristol Tennessee 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 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 64 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and

**Whereas**, small businesses employ over 49.2 percent of all businesses in the private sector in the United States; and

**Whereas**, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

**Whereas**, 94 percent of consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned businesses is important; and

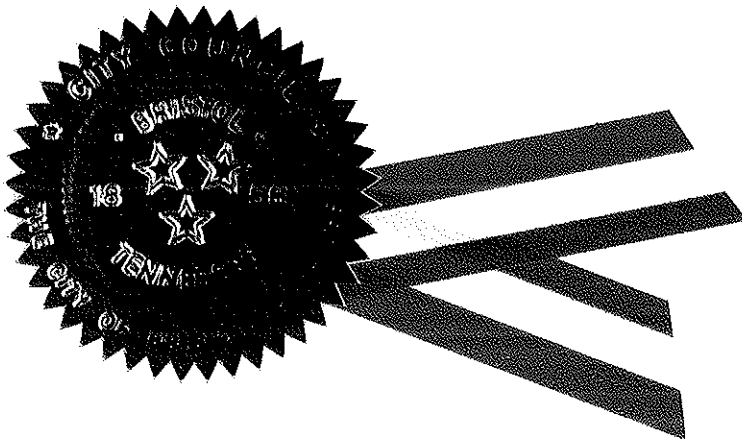
**Whereas**, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small business as part of their holiday shopping; and

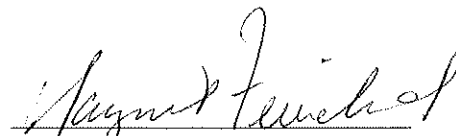
**Whereas**, City of Bristol Tennessee supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**Now, Therefore**, I, the Mayor do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday 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.

*This* 6th day of November, 2018.



  
Margaret Feierabend  
Mayor