

Proclamation

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2019

WHEREAS, the **Village of Bolingbrook, Illinois**, 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 and are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 94 percent of consumers in the United States value the contributions small businesses make in their community; and

WHEREAS, 96 percent of consumers who plan to shop on Small Business Saturday said the day inspires them to go to small, independently-owned retailers or restaurants that they have not been to before, or would not have otherwise tried; and

WHEREAS, 92 percent of companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season; and

WHEREAS, 59 percent of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and

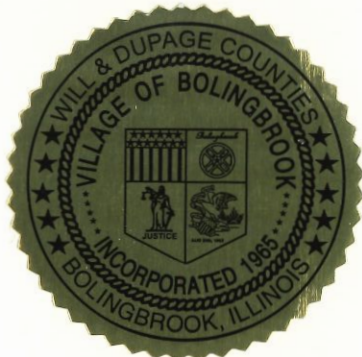
WHEREAS, the **Village of Bolingbrook** supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities;

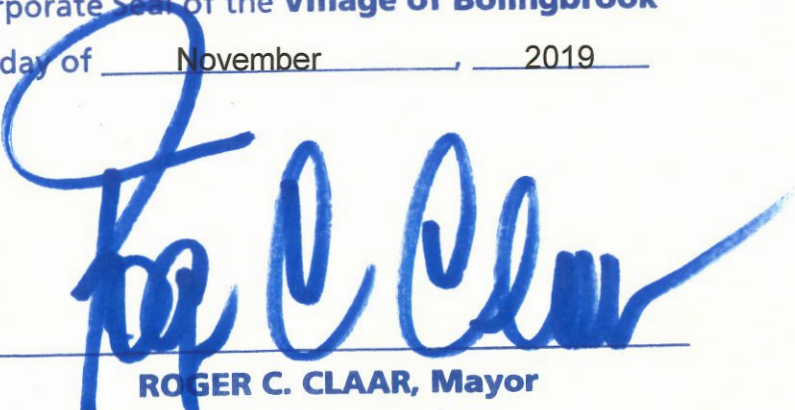
WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roger C. Claar, Mayor of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bolingbrook, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2019 as "**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**" and urge the residents of the **Village of Bolingbrook**, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of the **Village of Bolingbrook**

this 30th day of November, 2019





ROGER C. CLaar, Mayor