

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
November 30, 2019

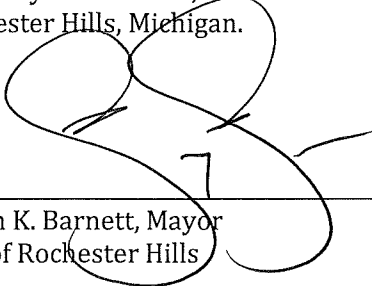
- WHEREAS,** the government of Rochester Hills, Michigan celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 30.7 million small businesses in the U.S., they represent 99.7% of all firms with paid employees in the U.S., and are responsible for 64.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 20018; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses employ 47.3% of the employees in the private sector in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** 94% of consumers in the U.S. value the contributions small businesses make in their community; and
- WHEREAS,** 96% 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% 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% of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year and; and
- WHEREAS,** Rochester Hills, Michigan supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; 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, be it resolved that I, Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019 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.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my Seal to be affixed this 31st day of October, 2019 in the City of Rochester Hills, Michigan.



Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor
City of Rochester Hills