

# City of Cape Girardeau



## Proclamation

*Whereas*, Cape Girardeau celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our community; and

*Whereas*, local small businesses form the backbone of our economy, generating jobs and improving the quality of life for citizens; and

*Whereas*, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.7 million small businesses in the United States and they are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and

*Whereas*, small businesses employ 47.3 percent of employees in the private sector in the United States; and

*Whereas*, Cape Girardeau recognizes the critical role of small business and supports the efforts of local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and cultivate and preserve our community; 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, Bob Fox, Mayor of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019, as

## *Small Business Saturday*

And urge the residents of our community not only to support small businesses and merchants by shopping at these establishments on Small Business Saturday but to support and strengthen our small business community throughout the year.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of *November, 2019*.

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Bob Fox, Mayor