

# Proclamation

*City of St. Joseph, Missouri*

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Joseph, Missouri celebrates our local small businesses and acknowledges the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States that represent more than 99.7 percent of American companies, and are responsible for 65.9 percent of the net new jobs created over the past 19 years; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ over 47.5 percent of the working population in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 94 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph 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, Bill McMurray, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2019 as "**Small Business Saturday**" in St. Joseph Missouri.

**ISSUED:** This 1st day of October 2019.



Bill McMurray

*Mayor*

