

# City of Statesville

North Carolina



Office of the Mayor

## Proclamation

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

**Whereas**, the City Council of Statesville, North Carolina, 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 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all firms with paid employees in the United States, are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and

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

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

**Whereas**, Statesville, North Carolina 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**, I, Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor of Statesville, North Carolina 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 TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Statesville, NC, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor