

# Proclamation

*Whereas, Avon Lake, Ohio 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 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 64.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018 and;*

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

*Whereas, 96% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and*

*Whereas, 94% of all consumers in the U.S. say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and*

*Whereas, the most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and*

*Whereas, Avon Lake, Ohio 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; and*

*Now, Therefore, I, Gregory J. Zilka, Mayor of the City of Avon Lake, 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.*



*Gregory J. Zilka*  
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Gregory J. Zilka, Mayor  
Avon Lake, Ohio