

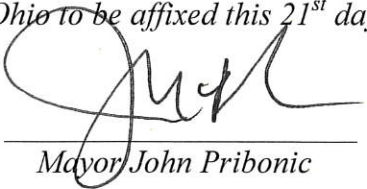
PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, The City of Stow, Ohio celebrates our local small business and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, (there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of all businesses with employees in the United States) are responsible for 65.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and,*
- Whereas, small businesses employ 47.5% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and,*
- Whereas, 94% of consumers in the United States value the contributions small businesses make in their community; and,*
- Whereas, 96% of consumers who plan to shop on Small Business Saturday stated the day inspires them to go to small, independently-owned retailers or restaurants that they have not been to or would not have otherwise tried; and,*
- Whereas, 59% of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and,*
- Whereas, Stow, Ohio supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019, as Small Business Saturday and urge the residents of our community 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 the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2019.



Mayor John Pribonic