



**Official Proclamation**

**Small Business Saturday  
November 30, 2019**

**Whereas**, the municipal government of Bartlesville, Oklahoma 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 representing more than 99.7% of all businesses with employees in the United States, and 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**, 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 said the day inspires them to go small, independently-owned retailers or restaurants that they have not been to before, or would not have otherwise tried; and

**Whereas**, 92% of companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season; and

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

**Whereas**, the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma supports our local businesses that create jobs, boosts our local economy and preserves 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**, the Bartlesville City Council does hereby officially proclaim November 30, 2019 as "Small Business Saturday" and urge all residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we hereunto set our hands and cause the Official Seal of the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to be affixed this 4th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.



*Dale Copeland*  
Dale Copeland, Mayor and Ward 1

*Paul Stuart*  
Paul Stuart, Ward 2

*Jim Curd, Jr.*  
Jim Curd, Jr., Ward 3

*Alan Gentges*  
Alan Gentges, Ward 4

*Trevor Dorsey*  
Trevor Dorsey, Ward 5