

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

**WHEREAS** the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown 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 firms with paid 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

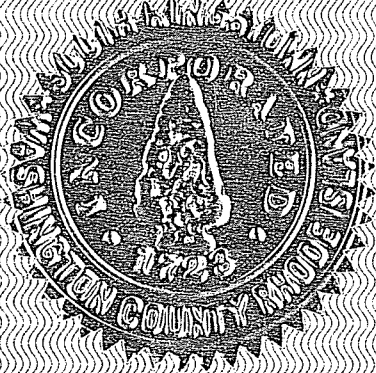
**WHEREAS** 96% of consumers who plan to shop on Small Business Saturday said the day inspires them to go to small, independently-owned retailers or restaurants that they have not been to before, or would not have otherwise tried; and

**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** South Kingstown 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, WE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN** 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.



**WITNESS** my hand and the official seal of the Town of South Kingstown, County of Washington, State of Rhode Island, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

*Abel G. Collins*  
Abel G. Collins, President

**ATTEST:** *Dale S. Holberton*  
Dale S. Holberton, Town Clerk