

City of Irving Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** The City of Irving celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our surrounding economy and community; and

**WHEREAS:** 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:** Ninety-six percent 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:** The City of Irving supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS:** Advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Stopfer, Mayor of the City of Irving, and the City Council do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2019, as:**

## Small Business Saturday

in Irving, and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants in Irving, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 1st day of November, 2019.

  
Rick Stopfer, Mayor

