

Proclamation

Know all citizens by these presents that:

WHEREAS, the government of Chesapeake, Virginia, 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 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with 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, 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, 59% of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; *and*

WHEREAS, Chesapeake, Virginia 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, I, Dr. Richard W. West, Mayor of Chesapeake, Virginia 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, to be affixed hereto this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.




Dr. Richard W. West, Mayor