

Resolution



of the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County, Virginia

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
AS "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY" IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County, Virginia celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are more than 25 million small businesses in the United States; they represent the vast majority of American employer firms, create more than two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generate a significant amount of the private gross domestic product, as well as more than half of all US sales; and

WHEREAS, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, more than 99 percent of Chesterfield County business establishments have fewer than 250 employees; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ a significant portion of the working population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, most consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and

WHEREAS, many consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses they value in their community; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County, Virginia supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and

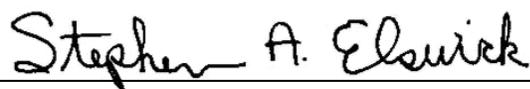
WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the Saturday after Thanksgiving as "Small Business Saturday" in Chesterfield County, and urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.





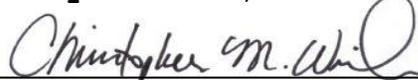
Joseph P. Casey, Ph.D.
County Administrator



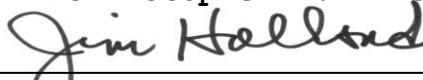
Stephen A. Elswick, Chairman



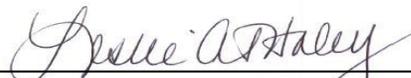
Dorothy Jaeckle, Vice Chairman



Christopher M. Winslow



James M. "Jim" Holland



Leslie A. T. Haley