PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS. Tempe celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our

local economy and community;

WHEREAS, According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently

30.2 million small businesses in the United States and make up 47.5% of U.S.

employees; and,

WHEREAS, U.S. Small business community contributes approximately \$8.5 trillion to the

economy, roughly half of the total \$17 trillion total Gross Domestic Product; and,

WHEREAS. 89 percent 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, The City of Tempe and our residents agree that it is important for people to support

the small businesses that they value in their community; and,

WHEREAS, Tempe supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy,

diversify consumer options 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, Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:

November 30, 2019

Small Business Saturday in Tempe, Arizona

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 29th day of November, Two Thousand and Nineteen.





