

PROCLAMATION

“SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”

November 30, 2019

WHEREAS: The government of Pueblo, Colorado 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 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: 94 percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

WHEREAS: 92 percent of companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season; and

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

WHEREAS: 59 percent of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and

WHEREAS: Pueblo, Colorado supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; 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 Board of County Commissioners of the County of Pueblo, Colorado, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019 to be “SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY” and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the City and County of Pueblo, Colorado, to be affixed this 30th day of November 2019



*Garrison M. Ortiz
Chair Pro Tem of the Board of County Commissioners*

