

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
November 30, 2019**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale 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 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.7 percent of all firms with paid employees in the United States, and which 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% of consumers in the United States value the contributions small businesses make in their community; 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,** 92% of companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season; and
- WHEREAS,** 59% of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale 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, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, November 30, 2019** as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

DATED this, the 21st day of November 2019.



Mayor Dean J. Trantalis



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