

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, representing 99.9 percent of all businesses with employees in the country; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created over the past seven years and employ 47.5 percent of the nation's private-sector workers; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the United States, including AARP, the American Booksellers Association, American Express, and FedEx, have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County celebrates local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy, and preserve neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Urban E Recycling has been a client of the Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) at Hillsborough County since August 2014, beginning with two full-time and two part-time employees and now having 22 full-time employees and one part-time employee serving Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, Urban E Recycling specializes in data destruction and electronics recycling that includes computers, cellphones, laptops, telecom systems, and other office electronics; and

WHEREAS, the company ensures that electronics are recycled, "safely, ethically and responsibly," and are currently handling 3 million pounds of electronic waste a year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby declare November 30, 2019 as

Small Business Saturday

in Hillsborough County, and urges residents and visitors to support small businesses and merchants on this special occasion, and throughout the year.

Executed this 6th day of November, 2019



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