

City of Gary Proclamation
Small Business Saturday in Gary, Indiana

WHEREAS, the city of Gary, Indiana, celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community. According to the United States Small Business Administration, small businesses represent more than 99 percent of American companies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gary joins the Women Impacting Public Policy and the Small Business Saturday Coalition in the national effort to drive consumers to shop at local independently owned businesses the Saturday after Thanksgiving; and

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

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 55% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; 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, 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

WHEREAS, Gary, Indiana supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of Gary, Indiana do hereby proclaim, Saturday, November 30, 2019, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the city of Gary and urge residents to support Gary businesses and those along the Broadway Corridor, Grant Street and along Lake Street in Miller on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed,



Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor

