



## ~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS** The City of Jamestown, New York continually celebrates its local small businesses and the contributions they make to the local economy and community; and
- WHEREAS** In 2010, American Express and its nonprofit, the Small Business Coalition, launched the Small Business Saturday campaign to help draw attention to local businesses who were suffering as result of the effects of the Great Recession; and
- WHEREAS** According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, that represent 99.7 percent of American employer firms and create 65.9 percent of the net new jobs; and
- WHEREAS** Small businesses employ over 47.5 percent of the working population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS** 90 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 with 89 percent being encouraged to shop small year round; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Jamestown, New York, supports its local businesses that create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve local business districts and 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, Samuel Teresi, Mayor of the City of Jamestown, New York, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, November 30, 2019, as:

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

In the City of Jamestown and urge all residents across the Greater Jamestown area, to support small businesses not only on Small Business Saturday, but throughout the year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Jamestown to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019

Samuel Teresi  
Mayor

