



Proclamation



Whereas: The Town of Southampton exists as one of the finest communities in the United States thanks to a multitude of positive attributes, especially the honorable and conscientious actions of its hardworking citizens; and

WHEREAS: Among these are the owners and employees of our local small businesses, whom we recognize for the important contributions they make to our economy and community; and

WHEREAS: According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses representing 99.7 percent of our country's employee-based businesses. Over the past 20 years alone, they have been responsible for creating 63 percent of new jobs and employing 48 percent of those working in the private sector; and

WHEREAS: On average, 33 percent of a consumer's holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants. With 91 percent of all consumers believing support for these establishments is important, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

WHEREAS: In a fitting acknowledgement, advocacy groups, as well as other public and private organizations across the country, have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as "Small Business Saturday;" and now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Southampton joins in this nationwide effort and proudly presents this proclamation declaring Saturday, November 25, 2017 as

'SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY'

throughout the Town of Southampton, and in so doing, encourages its residents and visitors to support the local merchants and other small businesses of the South Fork.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the Town of Southampton to be affixed this *Twenty-Fifth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.*


JOHN BOUVIER, COUNCILMAN


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