

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the government of Arlington, Texas celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000-2018; and

**WHEREAS,** small businesses employ 47.3 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** 94% of all consumers in the United States value the contributions small businesses make in their community and 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

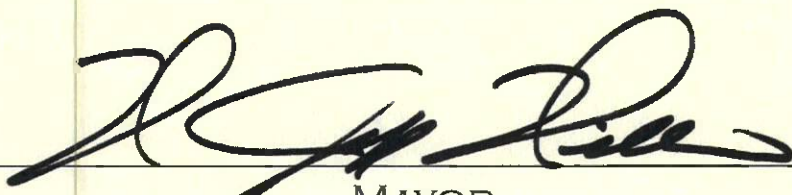
**WHEREAS,** 92% of companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season and 59% of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Arlington, Texas supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods and 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, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019 as**

## **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen.*

  
MAYOR

