

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the government of the City of Burlington, Vermont, believes that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are currently 30 million small businesses in the United States, which represent more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of net new jobs, and generate half of private gross domestic product; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ half of the employees in the private sector in the United States and almost 60 percent in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS**, 94 percent of U.S. consumers believe it is important to support the local small businesses that they value in their community, and 89 percent agree that locally-owned, independent businesses make positive contributions to their communities, including through taxes and jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington, Vermont, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and strengthen our neighborhoods; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim that November 30, 2019 be declared

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in Burlington, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I do hereby urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

  
Miro Weinberger  
Mayor of Burlington, Vermont

