



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming November 30, 2019 as "Small Business Saturday" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.7 million small businesses in the United States and small businesses have created 64.9 percent of net new jobs over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland strives to be a community with a diverse economic base of large and small businesses that support city revenues, and provide needed goods and services and jobs for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland believes that small businesses are the cornerstone of our local economy as the majority of the businesses located in Kirkland are small businesses with between one to ten employees; and

WHEREAS, downtown Kirkland is comprised of a wealth of unique small businesses including boutique shops, restaurants, and galleries, attracting visitors and tourism revenues from around the region, nation and world while catering to the needs of residents; and

WHEREAS, to support small businesses by ensuring that people working in retail, restaurant, health and other sectors, have affordable places to live in our city, the City of Kirkland has developed policies that require that 10% of new multifamily residential units meet affordability standards; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland provides free parking to downtown employees to assist them and to help downtown small businesses attract and keep employees; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland's residents support shopping locally, patronizing Kirkland small businesses, and thereby helping to build a stronger, more sustainable community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Penny Sweet, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019 as "Small Business Saturday" in Kirkland, Washington and encourage residents to "shop small for big returns" by patronizing small businesses in the community on one of the busiest shopping days of the season.



Signed this 19th day of November, 2019

Penny Sweet, Mayor