



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** We celebrate 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 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all firms with paid employees in the United States, are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and
- Whereas:** Small businesses employ over 47.3% of all businesses with employees in the United States; and
- Whereas:** 94% of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and
- Whereas:** 96% of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods
- Whereas:** Advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**Now, therefore, I,** John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of **November 30, 2019** as:

## **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

in Bellevue and urge all residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year

John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue