

Proclamation

“Small Business Saturday”

Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States. They employ 47.5% of the employees in the U.S. private sector and are responsible for about 66% of the *new* jobs created in this country from 2000 to 2017; and

Whereas, a majority of consumers say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community by encouraging people to “Shop Small” at local businesses on Small Business Saturday and all year long; and

Whereas, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

Whereas, the City of Thomasville supports its local, independently-owned retailers and restaurants that create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve our communities; and

Now, Therefore, I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of Thomasville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, November 30, 2019, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And I 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.

This the 18th day of November, 2019.

Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor