



Denis Law Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States, and are responsible for 65.9 percent of new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

*Whereas*, small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

*Whereas*, 90 percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

*Whereas*, 73 percent of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family; and

*Whereas*, 89 percent of consumers who were aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

*Whereas*, 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, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018, to be

## *Small Business Saturday*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 19th day of November, 2018.

Denis Law, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

