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