



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the City of Merced celebrates 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 currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses employ over 48 percent of the working population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** on average 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and
- WHEREAS,** 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and
- WHEREAS,** 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Merced supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; 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, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2017, as SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY in the City of Merced, and urge all citizens of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed this 20th day of November 2017.

Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced