

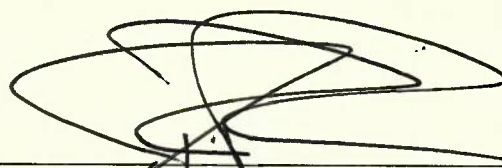
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the government of Arlington, Texas, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 31.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, and they are responsible for 65.1% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses employ 47.1% of the employees in the private sector in the United States, 88% of U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, and 92% of small business owners have pivoted the way they do business to stay open during the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** 97% of Small Business Saturday® shoppers recognize the impact they can make by shopping small, 85% of them also encouraged friends and family to do so, too; and
- WHEREAS,** 56% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business on Small Business Saturday in 2020; and more than 50% of consumers who reported shopping small endorsed a local business on social media or shopped at a local business because of a social media recommendation; and
- WHEREAS,** Arlington, Texas, 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, Jim R. Ross, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas do hereby proclaim, November 27, 2021, as:

## ***SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY***

**And** 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.

  
MAYOR

