

A PROCLAMATION

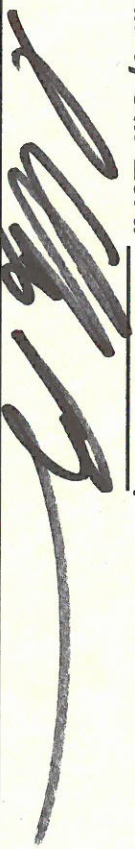
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

**In Recognition of Small Business Saturday
November 25, 2017**

- Whereas:** the government of Smyrna, Georgia 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, and are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; and
- Whereas:** small businesses employ 48 percent of the employees in the private sector 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:** Smyrna, Georgia 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, A. Max Bacon, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia do hereby proclaim November 25, 2017, 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.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
cause the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon
this 20th day of November in the
year of Our Lord 2017.*





Mayor

A. Max Bacon