

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and which 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 consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the country, have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, supports our local small businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims November 25, 2017, as:

“SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”

and urges 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, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 9th day of November 2017.**