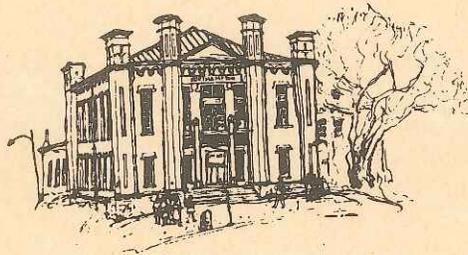


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2016

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday is a day to support the local businesses that help create jobs, boost the economy, and preserve the unique culture of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton applauds the contribution our local small businesses make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, today we would like to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses and highlight these businesses' impact on the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, currently there are 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, and these small businesses employ over 49 percent of the working population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 89 percent of U.S. consumers agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton supports our local businesses and encourage consumers to shop locally; 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

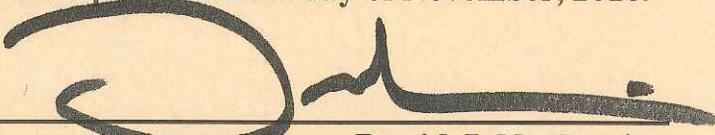
*NOW,
THEREFORE,* I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of Northampton, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2016 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of Northampton. I 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 set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 26th day of November, 2016.




Mayor David J. Narkewicz