

## Small Business Saturday PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the government of the Charter Township of Waterford, Michigan, 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 30.7 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 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ 47.3 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States, 62 percent of U.S. small businesses reported that they need to see consumer spending return to pre-COVID levels by the end of 2020 in order to stay in business, 65 percent of U.S. small business owners said it would be most helpful to their business to have their “regulars” return and start making purchases again, and three-quarters of U.S. Consumers are currently looking for ways to Shop Small and support their community; and

**WHEREAS**, 96 percent of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday agree that shopping at small, independently-owned businesses supports their commitment to making purchases that have a positive social, economic, and environmental impact and are essential to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Waterford, Michigan, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and contribute to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as representatives of Waterford Township, Michigan, the Board of Trustees does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 28, 2020, as Small Business Saturday and we urge the residents of our community to support local businesses on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

I hereby certify that this Proclamation was made by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on November 9, 2020.

Charter Township of Waterford

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Kim Markee, Township Clerk