

A

RESOLUTION

of the

TOWN COUNCIL

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Town of Windham, Maine

WHEREAS, the town of Windham, Maine celebrates its local small businesses and the contributions they make to the 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, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 48 percent of all businesses with employees 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 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, Windham, Maine supports local businesses that create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve the community's 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, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Council of the Town of Windham, Maine 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 we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Windham, Maine to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2017.

Town Council of the Town of Windham, Maine:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Parliamentarian

SEAL

Attest:

Linda Morrell, CMC
Town Clerk