PROCLAMATION

small businesses employ over 47 percent of the working population WHEREAS,

in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small

businesses contribute positively to the local community by

supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS,

according to the United States Small Business Administration, there were 28 million small businesses in the United States last year and small businesses has created 65 percent of net new jobs

over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS,

Small Business Saturday will stimulate economic growth for small merchants by following in the tradition of Black Friday and Cyber

Monday, two of the busiest shopping days of the year; and

WHEREAS. advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the

country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small

Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS. Olathe, Kansas, celebrates our local small businesses and the

contributions they make to our local economy and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Copeland, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in our community, encouraging all citizens to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday, and throughout the year.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this ninteenth day of November, 2019.

Michael Copeland, Mayor