



City of Bethel Proclamation

Proclaiming November 30, 2019 as Small Business Saturday and Encouraging Residents to Buy Local

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is focused on supporting the success and strength of our local economy, and encouraging the efforts of our local independent-business owners;

WHEREAS, buying local positively impacts communities by keeping local communities unique; keeping more money local; promoting a stronger local economy; supports community needs as local businesses are invested in the community; and buying local helps encourage entrepreneurship;

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 30.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all firms with paid employees in the United States, and are responsible for 64.9 percent of new jobs created from 2000 to 2018;

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 47.3 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, preserve our community's culture, encourage our residents to buy local, and support the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Perry Barr, Mayor of the City of Bethel, Proclaim November 30, 2019, 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.

Attest: Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Perry Barr, Mayor