

- WHEREAS:** *The City of Savannah recognizes the value and importance of small businesses to the local, regional and national economy; and*
- WHEREAS:** *According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Small businesses are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past two decades; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Small businesses employ more than half of the city's private sector work force and are critical to the growth of our local economy as they continue to drive significant job creation and innovation; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The City of Savannah supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The City of Savannah celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie W. DeLoach., Mayor of the City of Savannah, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2017 as:

“SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”

in Savannah, and encourage local citizens to participate in Small Business Saturday by supporting local stores, businesses, restaurants and other independent merchants throughout the Savannah community.