

## Proclamation

Whereas, Small Business Saturday was founded by American Express in 2010, officially cosponsored by Small Business Administration since 2011, and is held annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving; and

Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 33.2 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States, and generated a net 12.9 million new jobs over the past 25 years, accounting for two out of every three jobs added to the economy; and

Whereas, small businesses donate 250 percent more than larger businesses to local nonprofits and community causes; and

Whereas, when you shop small and locally, it's estimated that 67 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stays in that business's local community; and

Whereas; each of Renton's six unique neighborhoods is home to shops, restaurants, and merchants, and Renton celebrates and supports those businesses for contributing to our community, more now than ever as they navigate, retool and pivot from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2022, to be

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in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to support small businesses 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 Renton to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2022.

Armonodo Pavone, Mayor City of Region, Washington