

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, Olympia celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community;*

*WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, which are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and*

*WHEREAS, 89 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, 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and*

*WHEREAS, Olympia supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our 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; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council hereby recognizes November 26, 2016 as*

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

*and encourages the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.*

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Cheryl Selby  
Mayor*