

Town of Scarborough, Maine

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Proclamation 19-002
Recognizing November 30, 2019
as Small Business Saturday

WHEREAS, the government of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; 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, are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and,

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

WHEREAS, 94% of consumers in the United States value the contributions small businesses make in their community; and,

WHEREAS, 96% of consumers who plan to shop on Small Business Saturday® said the day inspires them to go to small, independently-owned retailers or restaurants that they have not been to before, or would not have otherwise tried; and,

WHEREAS, 92% of companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season; and

WHEREAS, 59% of small business owners said Small Business Saturday contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Scarborough supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager, does hereby proclaim Saturday, 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.

Signed and dated this 6th day of November, 2019, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by: /s/ Peter F. Hayes
 Council Chair

Attested by: /s/ Yolande P. Justice
 Town Clerk