

Town of Scarborough, Maine

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Resolution 17-006

Recognizing November 25, 2017, as Small Business Saturday

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled that,

WHEREAS, the government 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 currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 48 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and,

WHEREAS, 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and,

WHEREAS, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

WHEREAS, Scarborough, Maine, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scarborough Town Council proclaims November 26, 2017, *Small Business Saturday* in Scarborough, Maine and urges the resident 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 15th day of November, 2017, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by:

/s/ Shawn A. Babine
Council Chair

Attested by:

/s/ Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk