

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, Maryland, 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 34.8 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.9 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 45.9% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have a positive impact on their community by creating jobs, contributing to local charities, organizing and sponsoring local events within their community; and

WHEREAS, small businesses encourage, support, and strengthen local supply chains; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, Maryland, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim November 29, 2025, **Small Business Saturday,** and urge the Rockville community, and communities across the country to support small businesses and merchants during this day and throughout the year.

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