City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SUMTER)
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WHEREAS, the City of Sumter, South Carolina celebrates its local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, and they represent more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generate half of private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ one-half of the employees in the private sector in the United States, and 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, 89 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their communities that they would miss if theses businesses closed, and 90 percent of consumers in the United States are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; and

WHEREAS, without small businesses and the entrepreneurs who start them, invest in buildings and inventory, and hire local citizens to bring products to our Sumter community, while also supporting our schools, churches, and charitable endeavors with their contributions, we would not have the convenience of having our needs filled without having to purchase on-line or drive a long distance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter, South Carolina supports all of our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods, but wish to designate a day of special support for locally-owned small businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have had an especially difficult time surviving during the last few years as our local, state and national economies have suffered and struggled to recover; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim ***Saturday, November 30, 2013 as***

"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"
in the
CITY OF SUMTER

and urge the residents of our community and surrounding communities to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk