MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

Proclamation

DECLARING

Robember 28, 2020

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Whereas, the Township of Middletown 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 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, 62 percent of U.S. small businesses reported that they need to see consumer spending return to pre-COVID levels by the end of 2020 in order to stay in business, 65 percent of U.S. small business owners said it would be most helpful to their business to have their "regulars" return and start making purchases again, and three-quarters of U.S. consumers are currently looking for ways to Shop Small ® and support their community; and

Whereas, 96 percent of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday ® agree that shopping at small, independently-owned businesses supports their commitment to making purchases that have a positive social, economic, and environmental impact and 97 percent of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday agree that small businesses are essential to their community; and

Whereas, 95 percent of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday reported the day makes them want to shop or eat at small, independently-owned businesses all year long, not just during the holiday season; and

Whereas, Middletown Township 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.

Dow, therefore be it proclaimed, by the Board of Supervisors of Middletown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania that November 28, 2020 be designated 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.

Middletown Township Board of Supervisors Proclaimed this 16th of November, 2020