

# PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, celebrate our small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**Whereas**, the Small Business Administration reports there are 28.8 million small businesses in the US, representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees, creating 63 percent of all net new jobs over the past 20 years and employing over 49 percent of America's working population; 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**, Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, support 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, WE, CARTER M. HENDRICKS, Mayor of Hopkinsville and STEVE TRIBBLE, Judge/Executive of Christian County, Kentucky, do hereby jointly proclaim November 25, 2017, 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.**

**DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2017.**

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**Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor  
City of Hopkinsville**

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**Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive  
Christian County, Kentucky**