



Mayoral Proclamation

Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2016

- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park recognizes the importance of small businesses as the glue that holds communities together. According to the United States Census, there are approximately 2,574 small businesses in Takoma Park. Nation-wide, small businesses created more than two-thirds of net new jobs over the past two decades; and
- WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and
- WHEREAS, one of Takoma Park's great assets is its unique array of locally owned and operated, independent businesses which are part of the fabric of the community; and
- WHEREAS, local business owners and operators invest in Takoma Park, contribute to the local economy, offer quality jobs for residents, engage in civic concerns, support local initiatives, and are essential to our success as a community; and
- WHEREAS, support of these businesses is critical to maintaining a vibrant, and socially, environmentally and financially sustainable community; and
- WHEREAS, the city values the businesses located in Old Takoma, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads, Long Branch, and along The New Ave and Maple Avenue, and celebrates the diversity of the goods and services they provide.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2016 as "Small Business Saturday" in Takoma Park, and encourage the residents to support local businesses by buying locally on November 26 and throughout the year.

Dated this __th day of November, 2016.

Kate Stewart, Mayor