



# Mayoral Proclamation

**Small Business Saturday, November 25, 2017**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park recognizes the importance of small businesses as the glue that holds communities together. Small businesses in Takoma Park are flourishing, and make up 62% (or 418) of all businesses in the area. 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 socially, environmentally, and financially sustainable and vibrant community; and

**WHEREAS,** we value the businesses located in Old Takoma, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads, Long Branch, Flower and Erie, and along The New Ave and Maple Avenue, and celebrate the diversity of the goods and services they provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2017 as "Small Business Saturday" in Takoma Park, and encourage all residents to support local businesses by buying locally on November 25 and throughout the year.

**Dated this 1st day of November, 2017.**

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**Kate Stewart**  
**Mayor**