



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

There are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, representing 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States and they are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, ; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses employ over 49 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

WHEREAS: 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs, generating tax revenue and serving as resources for local communities; and

WHEREAS: 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States and local communities; and

WHEREAS: 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; 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: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim November 26, 2016 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 23rd day of November, 2016.



Signature of David J. Berger
DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO