



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the government of Laconia, New Hampshire, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 32.5 million small businesses in the United States. Small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 62% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 46.8% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 79% of consumers understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday, 70% report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small, independently-owned retailers, and 66% report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long; and

**WHEREAS**, 58% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business and 54% reported they dined or ordered takeout from a small restaurant, bar, or café on Small Business Saturday in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Laconia, New Hampshire 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.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Andrew J. Hosmer, Mayor of City of Laconia, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim, November 26, 2022, as Small Business Saturday in the City of Laconia, 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.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Laconia,  
New Hampshire, this 14th day of November in the year of our  
Lord two thousand and twenty-two

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew J. Hosmer". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew J. Hosmer, Mayor