

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The City of Stow, Ohio celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 33 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.7% of all businesses with paid employees. Small businesses are responsible for 62.7% of net new jobs created since 1995; and,

Whereas, small businesses employ 46.4% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and,

Whereas, 72% of consumers reported the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small®, independently-owned retailers; and many others report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long, not just during the holidays; and,

Whereas, Stow, Ohio supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities.

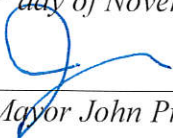
NOW, THEREFORE I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio do hereby proclaim November 25th, 2023, as

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 shop small throughout the year.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 17th day of November, 2023.



Mayor John Pribonic