



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Today we recognize small businesses as the heart and soul of this great city with the American entrepreneurial spirit shining through every struggle of this past year. Across the country small businesses have shown their resiliency and courage to adapt to a new environment we have seen ourselves in during this time; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima, Ohio 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 31.7 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, and they are responsible for 65.1% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2019; and

WHEREAS: 88% of U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, and 92% of small business owners have pivoted drastically and changed to stay open during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima 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, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim November 27th, 2021 as

Small Business Saturday

And urge all Lima residents 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 27th day of November, 2021.

**DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**

