

***WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and*

***WHEREAS**, 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; 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*

***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**, the City of Stillwater supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; 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, Gina J. Noble, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2016, as:*

**"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"**

*and urge the residents of Stillwater to support small businesses and merchants on this date and throughout the year.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2016.*

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GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK