

**The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** The City of Portsmouth celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and
- Whereas,** According to the Small Business Administration definition, 99% of all Portsmouth businesses are “small” – having 500 or fewer employees; and
- Whereas,** Small businesses with fewer than 50 employees make up 46% of the Portsmouth workforce; and
- Whereas,** Our residents and visitors support the Small Business Saturday effort that encourages people to ‘shop small’ on the Saturday after Thanksgiving; and
- Whereas,** Portsmouth champions our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities;

Now, therefore, I, Rick Becksted, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim, November 27, 2021, 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 throughout the year.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 15th day of November 2021.


Rick Becksted, Mayor of Portsmouth