

WHEREAS, the more than 30.7 million small businesses in the U.S., representing more than 99.7 percent of all U.S. businesses with employees, generated more than 64.9 percent of all the net new jobs created between 2000 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, small businesses generate an estimated 46 percent of the U.S. private gross domestic product, and the success of these entrepreneurs and businesses is critical to the country's overall economic health; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday is a national holiday held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, started by American Express in 2010, to encourage consumers to support the small businesses in their communities; and

WHEREAS, during 2021's Small Business Saturday, Americans spent a record estimated \$23.3 billion at independent retailers and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield celebrates our small businesses for their unique contributions they make to our city and the impact they have on the success of our local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim Nov. 26, 2022, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in Mansfield and ask all residents to support the small businesses in our city, not only on this day but throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 14th day of November, 2022.