

**PROCLAMATION**  
**2018 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wood River, Illinois 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 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.9 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 58.9 million people employed; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the current workforce in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Small Business Saturday shows a 10.8% of year over year growth; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of consumers say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

**WHEREAS**, 75 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

**WHEREAS**, Wood River supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

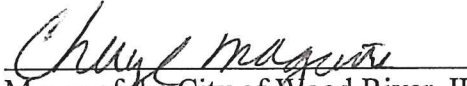
**WHEREAS**, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Cheryl Maguire, Mayor of the City of Wood River, Illinois do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 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.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Wood River to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Mayor of the City of Wood River, IL

