

RESOLUTION NO. 233-17

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "SMALL
BUSINESS SATURDAY" DESIGNATED FOR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council and Administration of the City of Parma celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and,

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday celebrates the "little guys", those businesses upon which our great nation was built: mom-and-pop shops, eclectic boutiques, entrepreneurs going it alone, and the corner stores that have been around for decades; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, an estimated 112 million consumers reported shopping or dining at a small business on Small Business Saturday, an increase of 13 percent from 2015; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Small Business Administration, there are 28.8 million small businesses in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, small businesses accounted for 64% of new jobs created in the United States between 1993 and 2011; and,

WHEREAS, franchised and small businesses employ roughly 8 million people, and make up 40% of all American retail jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma support our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as "Small Business Saturday";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby support "Small Business Saturday" designated for Saturday, November 25, 2017, and hereby urge residents of this community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on "Small Business Saturday" and throughout the year.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place this month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO