

*WHEREAS* it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, small business is the cornerstone of our free enterprise system and since the birth of this country has represented opportunity, independence, and the fulfillment of dreams for generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, small business owners who work long hours, juggling family and career responsibilities and serving as community volunteers, are integral to our country's prosperity and to the vibrancy of our community. These entrepreneurs are fundamental to our economy. Through the opportunities offered by the men and women who own and operate small businesses, many of our citizens are able to pursue their dreams of a better life; and

WHEREAS, to recognize "Small Business Saturday" which is Saturday, November 30, a day to celebrate and support small businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and invigorate neighborhoods around the country and to encourage Shop Local; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westerville wishes to recognize small businesses for the key role they play in keeping our economy strong; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2013 as

***"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"***

in Westerville and urge all our citizens to join with us in this observance, as we celebrate the accomplishments of small business owners and their employees and encourage the development of new small businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 19th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor