



City of Columbia
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Small Business Administration reports that there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States which represents more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generate half of private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ half of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, 86 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed; and

WHEREAS, 93 percent of U.S. consumers believe it's important to support the local small businesses that they value in their community and 90 percent of consumers in the United States are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia supports local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2013 as

Small Business Saturday

in the City of Columbia and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor

Sam Davis
District I, Council Member

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At-Large, Council Member

Leona Plough
District IV, Council Member

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District II, Council Member

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At-Large, Council Member

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