



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*Whereas, the City of Prattville celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and*

*Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 33.2 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small business employs 46.4% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and*

*Whereas, 97% of consumers understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday, 70% report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small, independently-owned retailers, and 66% report that the day makes them want to shop all year long; and*

*Whereas, according to the Small Business Administration, despite losing 9.1 million jobs in the first two quarters of 2020, small businesses job growth rebounded swiftly following COVID-19 recession. In the four quarters following, Small business have gained 5.5 million jobs, making up 60% of the decline during the early decline in the pandemic.; and*

*Whereas, Prattville, Alabama, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; 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, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby proclaim, November 25, 2023, as*

## **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

*in Prattville, Alabama. I 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.*

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

*Bill Gillespie Jr.*  
Mayor Bill Gillespie

