

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION VILLAGE OF PINEHURST

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, 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 34.7 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 61.1% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 45.9% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business in the United States stays in the local community and every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional 48 cents in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and

WHEREAS, 59% of United States consumers aware of Small Business Saturday shopped or ate at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on Small Business Saturday 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinehurst supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

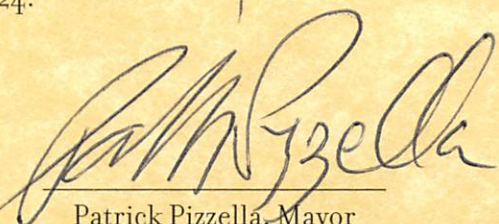
WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina in Regular Meeting assembled this 12th day of November 2024, as follows:

We, the Village Council, do hereby proclaim November 30th, 2024, 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 WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Village of Pinehurst, this the 12th day of November 2024.




Patrick Pizzella, Mayor