



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, small businesses create jobs, boost our local economy, and contribute to a Town Center that is active, vibrant, and healthy; and

WHEREAS, small businesses were hard-hit early in the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to need community support to recover from the impacts of mandatory closures throughout the last twenty months; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Mercer Island's small businesses would have a negative and long-lasting impact on the quality of life in Mercer Island; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island wishes to promote economic recovery and growth by encouraging community members to think local first when purchasing goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Mercer Island features more than 200 businesses in Town Center and other business districts that provide a range of goods and services to the community so that residents do not need to leave the Island to find what they need; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Benson Wong, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2021, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in Mercer Island, and I encourage all residents of our community, and communities across the country, to shop and spend local on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

APPROVED, this 16th day of November 2021.

Benson Wong, Mayor

