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## **RESOLUTION #2024-25 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024, AS "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY" IN DURHAM, NH

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham celebrates its local, small businesses and the contributions they make to the local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there were 136,506 (down from 138,199 in 2022) small businesses in New Hampshire in 2023, which represents 98.9% of all New Hampshire businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, small businesses in New Hampshire contributed to a net increase of 22,919 jobs in 2023; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, small businesses accounted for 49.2% of New Hampshire Employment in 2023; and

WHEREAS, an American Express survey reported that in 2023, 59% of U.S. consumers aware of Small Business Saturday shopped or ate at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham supports its local businesses that create jobs, boost local economy, and preserve 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 Durham Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, does hereby approve **Resolution #2024-25** proclaiming **Saturday, November 30, 2024, as "Small Business Saturday"** and urges the residents of the community to support small businesses and merchants in Durham on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



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PASSED AND ADOPTED this <u>4<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>November, 2024</u> by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with <u>9</u> voting in favor, <u>0</u> voting against, and <u>0</u> abstentions.

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Sally Needell, Chair Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

Rachel Downe

Rachel Deane, Town Clerk-Tax Collector