PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Fairfax, celebrates its local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99 percent of American companies; and

Whereas, Small businesses create two-thirds of the net new jobs, generate half of private gross domestic product and employ half of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

Whereas Eighty-nine 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 Eighty-six percent of customers in the United States have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed; and

Whereas Ninety-three percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

Whereas Ninety percent of patrons in the United States are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Scott Silverthorne, Mayor of the City of Fairfax, in concert with the City Council do hereby proclaim, November 30, 2013, 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.

Done this eighth day of November 2013.

Scott Silverthorne
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie J. Bennett
City Clerk