

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

RESOLUTION 24-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 30, 2024 AS SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESSES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer, Alaska 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, Sixty-eight cents (\$0.68) of every dollar spent at a small business in the United States stays in the local community, every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional forty-eight cents (\$0.48) in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Fifty nine percent (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 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer 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.

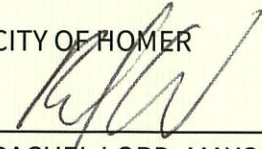
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby proclaim November 30, 2024 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

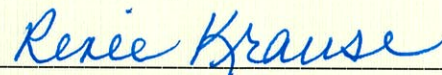
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday – celebrating its 15th year in 2024 – and *Shop Small* throughout the year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12th day of November, 2024.

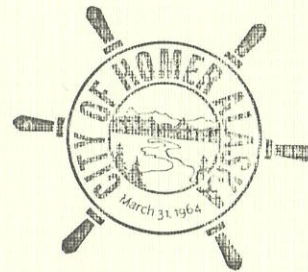
CITY OF HOMER


RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal information: NA





WHAT IS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY®?

Celebrating its 15th year on November 30, 2024, Small Business Saturday, founded and proudly backed by American Express, has illuminated the significance of supporting small, independently owned businesses across the country. Falling between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it's a day dedicated to supporting the local small businesses that help create jobs, boost the economy, and keep communities thriving across the country.

WHY SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY?

- Demonstrates a conscious commitment to the communities in which we live.
- Creates goodwill within the communities.
- When we support small businesses, we help create jobs and local communities preserve their unique culture.

2023 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY FACTS:

- In 2023, U.S. consumers reported spending an estimated \$17 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday.¹
- Elected officials in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico championed Small Business Saturday.
- 716 local governments issued proclamations in support of Small Business Saturday covering all 50 states and Washington, D.C.
- American Express enlisted the support of nearly 50 large companies, known as Corporate Supporters, to help drive excitement for and promote Small Business Saturday.
- The Small Business Saturday Coalition, comprised of national, state and local associations that help coordinate activities for Small Business Saturday with small

¹ The American Express 2023 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey was conducted by Teneo on behalf of American Express. The study is a nationally representative sample of 2,483 U.S. adults 18 years of age or older. The sample was collected using an email invitation and an online survey. The study gathered self-reported data and does not reflect actual receipts, sales or American Express Card Member spending data. It was conducted anonymously on November 26, 2023. The survey has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.0%, at the 95% level of confidence. Projections are based on the current U.S. Census estimates of the U.S. adult population, age 18 years and over.



business owners and consumers, had over 160 organizations help spread the Shop Small® message.

- According to the 2023 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey, 61% of consumers strongly agreed that they found a small business or independently owned restaurant on Small Business Saturday where they are likely to return and become a regular customer.¹

JOIN THE COALITION:

Building on the success of previous years, the Coalition of supporters are more committed than ever. This includes support from advocacy organizations that join the initiative to motivate constituents through incentives and offers to not only Shop Small on November 30, 2024, but Shop Small all year long.

The coalition will be led by Women Impacting Public Policy, a business advocacy organization representing small businesses. [Join Us!](#)

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