## **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 33.2 million small businesses in the United States, which represent 99.9% of American companies and are responsible for more than 62% of net new jobs created from the years 1995 and 2021; and

Whereas, small businesses employ 46.4% of the employees in the private sector in our country, and contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

Whereas, along with advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country which have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday, Hanover County celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

Whereas, it is important to support our County's valued small businesses, which create jobs, boost our local economy, and invigorate our neighborhoods.

**NOW THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2023 in Hanover County as Small Business Saturday and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on this day and throughout the year.

On a motion of Ms. Susan Dibble, seconded by Mr. J. Robert Monolo, the members of the Board of Supervisors voted to approve this Proclamation as follows:

	Vote:
Mr. Peterson - Chair	Aye
Ms. Dibble – Vice-Chair	Aye
Mr. Davis	Aye
Mr. Helmick	Aye
Mr. Herzberg	Aye
Mr. Monolo	Aye
Ms. Prichard	Aye
Motion carried.	

Dated: October 25, 2023

John A. Budesky, County Administrator Clerk, Hanover County Board of Supervisors