

# The City of East Peoria



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the government of East Peoria, Illinois, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 31.7 million small business in the United States, which account for 99.7% of all U.S. businesses, creating 1.5 million jobs annually and small and medium sized businesses are major drivers of global economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ 47.1% of the employees in the private sector of the United States, and U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic as small business owners pivoted the way they do business to stay open, this year it is more important than ever to shop and dine small to do our part to help our small businesses survive; and

**WHEREAS**, small business shoppers recognize the impact they can make by shopping small, and also encourage friends and family to do so to; and

**WHEREAS**, consumers who plan to shop on Small Business Saturday said the day inspires them to go to small, independently owned retailers or restaurants that they have not been to before, or would not have otherwise tried; and

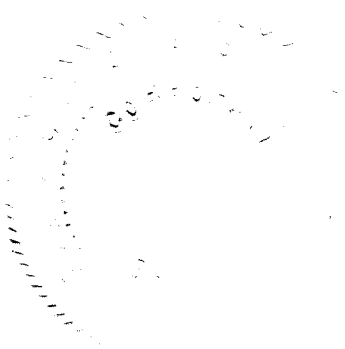
**WHEREAS**, East Peoria, Illinois supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Kahl, Mayor** of the great City of East Peoria, Illinois do hereby proclaim, November 27, 2021, as

### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

And urge the residents of our community to support small businesses, merchants, and restaurants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



John P. Kahl  
MAYOR

Morgan R. Cadwell  
ATTEST: CITY CLERK