



## proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hanover Park celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy by creating jobs, supporting events, sports teams and charities to strengthen and preserve our neighborhoods; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Small Business Administration, there are currently 32.5 million small businesses in the United States, and 1.2 million businesses in Illinois alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois small businesses represent 96.6% of businesses and 2.5 million jobs in Illinois, and are the backbone of our economy, generate 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs annually; and

**WHEREAS**, for every \$100 spent with locally owned shops, \$68 returns to the community through local taxes, payroll and related expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the first ever Small Business Saturday took place in 2010, and is celebrated each year in the U.S. on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, marking the unofficial start of the holiday shopping season; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2012, every state in the Union has endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday, and the Village of Hanover Park's Economic Development Committee and the Village's Department of Community and Economic Development have championed Small Business Saturday; and,

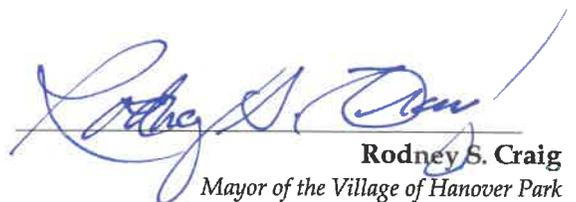
**WHEREAS**, 96% of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday agree that shopping at small, independently-owned businesses supports their commitment to making purchases that have a positive social, economic, and environmental impact and are essential to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses continue to need our support more than ever, and the Village of Hanover Park supports local businesses as a critical component of restoring and rebuilding a healthy economy;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Rodney Craig, President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim **November 26, 2022, as Small Business Saturday** in the Village of Hanover Park and urge Hanover Park residents to "THINK BIG AND SHOP SMALL" and support our small businesses by shopping and dining locally on the Saturday after Thanksgiving as a holiday tradition and throughout the year.

**Dated this 3<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.**



  
**Rodney S. Craig**  
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park