

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 21st day of November 2023, at 6:00 pm local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Trustee Deschaine, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Wisinski

ABSENT: Clerk Guthrie

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Wilson and supported by Treasurer Deschaine.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 62.7% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 46.4% of the employees in the private sector in the United States according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 33 million small businesses; and

WHEREAS, 68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business in the United States stays in the local community and every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional 48 cents in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and

WHEREAS, 72% of the consumers reported that Small Business Saturday 2022 made them want to shop and dine at small, independently owned retailers and restaurants all year long; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian celebrates the contributions of all of our local businesses, today we remit special attention to our small business owners 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; and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Economic Development Corporation, Meridian Township Board, as well as public and private organizations, across the community and Country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that November 25, 2023 will be Small Business Saturday.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Trustee Deschaine, Trustee Hendrickson, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Wisinski
NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 21st day of November 2023.



Deborah Guthrie, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian