

Proclamation

ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2, 2017 AS ‘THURGOOD MARSHALL DAY’ IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, in 1940 while an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Thurgood Marshall won the case of *The State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell*, which helped lay the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement to come; and

WHEREAS, Thurgood Marshall was the Chief Counsel in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, the landmark Supreme Court decision that declared state laws establishing segregated public schools to be unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, on October 2, 1967, became the first African-American appointed to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the date of October 2, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of this historic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Thurgood Marshall continues to serve as an example and inspiration to everyone who fights for justice and equality for all, both in the city of Kansas City and throughout the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sylvester James, Mayor of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the citizens of this great city and the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2017 as ‘Thurgood Marshall Day’ in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Sylvester “Sly” James Jr., Mayor
City of Kansas City, Missouri**

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ESTABLISHING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017 AS ‘SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY’ IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the government of Kansas City, Missouri, 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 currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 48 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average, 33 percent of consumers’ holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and

WHEREAS, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City, Missouri supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; 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, I, Sylvester James, Mayor of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the citizens of this great city and the City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 25, 2017 as ‘Small Business Saturday’ in Kansas City, Missouri and encourage all residents to support their favorite local businesses.

**Sylvester “Sly” James Jr., Mayor
City of Kansas City, Missouri**