

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together and, small businesses have created 65 percent of net new jobs over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, 99 percent of the United States consumers agree that it is important to support small businesses in their communities and 90 percent are willing to pledge support for a “Buy Local” small business initiative like Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Ohio supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and help to preserve our neighborhoods; and

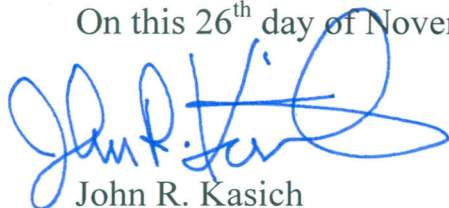
WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate November 26, 2011 as

**SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY**

throughout Ohio and encourage residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

On this 26th day of November, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

