

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL,
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Committee celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, New Jersey small businesses employed 1.8 million people, or 49.8% of the private workforce, in 2020; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 65.6 million United States consumers reported shopping or dining at local independently owned businesses on Small Business Saturday in 2023; and

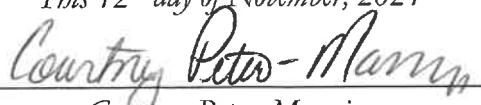
WHEREAS, consumers spent nearly \$17.9 billion at independently owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday in 2022; and

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 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopewell Township Committee does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee encourages residents to support small businesses on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year; and

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the
Seal of the Township of Hopewell
This 12th day of November, 2024*


Courtney Peters-Manning
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Mayor