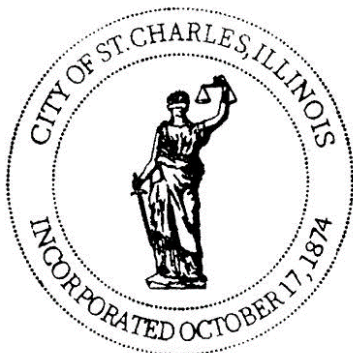


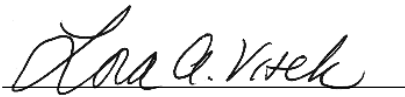
Proclamation

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 2023

- WHEREAS,** entrepreneurs, small business owners, and other business leaders work to grow their business, create jobs, drive innovation, and invest in our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Charles enjoys a healthy mix of more than 2000 businesses, many of them locally owned restaurants, boutique shops and independent service businesses that offer a variety of shopping options, services, and job opportunities within our community; and
- WHEREAS,** small business owners are passionate entrepreneurs who invest their time, talents, and financial resources to contribute to making the St. Charles a great place to live, work, and locate a business; and
- WHEREAS,** our local businesses actively partner with the City of St. Charles, St. Charles Business Alliance, St. Charles Area Chamber of Commerce, and other key community partners to influence a growing, viable, and prosperous business climate for all business, big and small; and
- WHEREAS,** the commitment of these entrepreneurs and local business leaders supports local economic activity to help sustain a prosperous and growing city;
- WHEREAS,** Creating Opportunity is one of the cornerstones of the City's mission, and we're glad small businesses find everything they need to thrive right here.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lora A. Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, along with the St. Charles City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 25, 2022**, as "**Small Business Saturday**" in the City of St. Charles and encourage all citizens to shop local in support of the many small businesses in St. Charles.




Lora A. Vitek, Mayor

