

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the government of Peoria, Illinois, 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 32.5 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7 percent of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 62 percent of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 46.8 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 79 percent of consumers understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday, 70 percent report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small, independently owned retailers, and 66 percent report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long; and

WHEREAS, 58 percent of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business and 54 percent reported they dined or ordered takeout from a small restaurant, bar, or café on Small Business Saturday in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Peoria, Illinois, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boosts our local economy, and preserves our communities; and

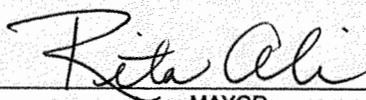
WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as a Small Business Saturday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rita Ali, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Illinois, do hereby proclaim

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

In Peoria, Illinois.

Dated this 26th day of November 2022 A.D.


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WHEREAS, tonight we acknowledge the Heart of Illinois (HOI) Fair, a Central Illinois tradition that began in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the HOI Fair is scheduled for July 19 - 23 at Exposition Gardens and continues to be a draw for residents and visitors. Event information may be found at the Heart of Illinois Fair website, heartofillinoisfair.com; and

WHEREAS, this year's fair will feature Aussie Kingdom, the Rock-N-Circus, the Show-Me Pig Races and Safari, and wine tastings. The Miss Heart of Illinois Fair Pageant will also return this year. The HOI Fair is excited to set the stage for talent ranging from music to comedy to theater to magic and more; and

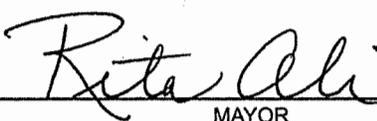
WHEREAS, with tractor pulls, a demolition derby, carnival rides, live entertainment, food, and competitive events and livestock shows that showcase the talents of our friends and neighbors, the HOI Fair has something for everybody;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rita Ali, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Illinois, do hereby encourage visitors and residents to attend the

HEART OF ILLINOIS FAIR

In Peoria, Illinois.

Dated this 12th day of July 2022 A.D.


MAYOR