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**Representative Kane Encourages Residents
to Shop Local Small Businesses**
November 25th-26th Small Business Weekend in the Commonwealth

(Boston) - State Representative Hannah Kane, (R-Shrewsbury), is reminding Massachusetts residents to shop at local businesses the Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving. Representative Kane co-sponsored a recently passed House Resolution establishing November 25th and 26th as Small Business Weekend in the Commonwealth.

The Resolution encourages residents to shop local and establishes Small Business Weekend to officially recognize the importance and positive impact small businesses and local entrepreneurs hold in communities across the Commonwealth. Residents of the Commonwealth are called upon to support their neighbors and local economy through making purchases at small and family-owned businesses on the weekend of November 25th.

“Small businesses are pillars of our communities and contribute to the very fabric and success of our towns. In turn, I am proud to support ‘Main Street’ through shopping locally and actively encouraging friends and neighbors in Shrewsbury and Westborough to do the same. Choosing to support family and small owned businesses is an investment in our Commonwealth’s future,” added Representative Kane. “For every \$100 spent locally, \$68 stays in our community, compared to only \$43 when spent at a chain store. It’s a win-win for everyone. I hope others will join me in looking to their own backyard when shopping, dining, or searching for a gift this holiday season.”

Representative Kane is a strong supporter of small business, having earned a spot in 2016 in the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Massachusetts coveted “100% Club” for her perfect voting record on legislation that has a significant impact, either negative or positive, on the small business community in Massachusetts.

See Proclamation language:

**IN RECOGNITION
OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND
THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

WHEREAS, SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC, THE GENIUS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY HAS BEEN ITS POTENTIAL TO INSPIRE MEN AND WOMEN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATION OR TITLE, WITH THE AMBITION MADE POSSIBLE BY FREE ENTERPRISE, AND;

WHEREAS, THERE IS NO DOUBTING THAT AMERICANS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES, NUMBERING IN THE MILLIONS, ARE TODAY MAKING POSSIBLE THE ADVANCES, THE CURES, THE INVENTIONS AND THE SERVICES THAT WILL MOVE FORWARD THE UNITED STATES AND MAKE HAPPIER, HEALTHIER, WEALTHIER AND GREATER ITS PEOPLE, AND;

WHEREAS, ALL OF THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES IN THEIR VARYING CAPACITIES COMBINE TO PRODUCE HALF OF THE NATION'S WEALTH AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE JOBS BY WHICH TENS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS SUPPORT THEMSELVES, SHELTER THEMSELVES, RAISE THEIR FAMILIES AND SECURE THEIR OWN FUTURES, AND;

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IS HOME TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES, AND FOR THAT ITS PEOPLE ARE RICHER, MORE FORTUNATE AND BETTER ABLE TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER, AND;

WHEREAS, NOWHERE IS THE VALUE OF SMALL BUSINESS HIGHER THAN IN THE CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHARITIES, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN ARE PROUDLY AND UNRESERVEDLY SPONSORED BY THE MEN AND WOMEN IN LOCAL BUSINESS, AND;

WHEREAS, AT NO TIME HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO RECOGNIZE THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESSES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SHOW THEIR RECIPROCAL SUPPORT BY SHOPPING LOCALLY; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REWARDING OUR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY; AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS; AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF CITIZENS TO CHASE THEIR DREAMS IN A NOBLE AND VALUABLE FASHION, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE FIRST SATURDAY AND THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE FOURTH THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER AS SMALL BUSINESS WEEKEND, BY WHICH ASSIGNMENT IT HOPES TO ENCOURAGE EVERY CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO SEEK THEIR GIFTS, SERVICES AND NECESSITIES FROM AMONG THEIR NEIGHBORS IN FREE ENTERPRISE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND THE RETAILERS ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

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