THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 544 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY ECKER, KORTZ, HILL-EVANS, SCHMITT, PICKETT,
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HARRELL, GLEIM, WARREN, WHEELAND, DONATUCCI, SCHLEGEL CULVER
AND SCHWEYER, OCTOBER 15, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, OCTOBER 15, 2019

A RESOLUTION

Designating November 30, 2019, as "Small Business Saturday" in 1 Pennsylvania. 2 WHEREAS, Half of the United States population owns or works 3 for a small business; and 4 5 WHEREAS, An estimated two out of every three new jobs are 6 produced by small businesses nationwide; and 7 WHEREAS, Statewide, small businesses comprise 99.6% of all 8 employers and 2.5 million private-sector employees while still 9 attracting new investments and new jobs; and 10 WHEREAS, The 1 million small businesses in this Commonwealth 11 contribute billions of dollars in annual income, including 12 benefits; and 13 WHEREAS, Small businesses working with the Office of Small 14 Business Advocate have secured annual utility cost savings of

15 \$35 million; and

WHEREAS, Significant cumulative utility cost savings, nearing \$130 million, are projected over the next three years; and WHEREAS, Commonwealth initiatives provide resources, training and other assistance for the licensing and progress of small businesses in our communities; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate November 30, 2019, as "Small Business Saturday" in Pennsylvania.