

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The government of Fargo, North Dakota celebrates local small businesses and the contributions they make to our economy and community; and

WHEREAS, According to the Small Business Administration, there are 27.9 million small businesses in the US and they represent more than 99.7 percent of American employer firms, create more than 2/3 of the net new jobs, generate 46 percent of private gross domestic product, 54 percent of all US sales and employ over 55 percent of the working population; and

WHEREAS, 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue and 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 93 percent of consumers in the US agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

WHEREAS, Fargo, North Dakota supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; 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 I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2015, to be

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2015.





Timothy J. Mahoney
Mayor
Fargo, North Dakota