



WHEREAS, the government of the City of Mandan, North Dakota, celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and

Whereas, small businesses employ over 4.75 percent of employees in the private sector in the United States, and

Whereas, on average, 90 percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

Whereas, 89 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and

Whereas, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

Whereas, Mandan, North Dakota supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, small businesses in Mandan, North Dakota offer unique products and services not found anywhere else; and

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

Whereas, the Mandan Progress Organization is holding Santa's Arrival on November 26 to include a breakfast, parade, craft show and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Helbling, Mayor of Mandan, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



Tim Helbling
Mayor of Mandan