



# Proclamation

## City of Spokane Valley, Washington

### Small Business Saturday

*WHEREAS, The City of Spokane Valley celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and*

*WHEREAS, Small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, 90% of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and*

*WHEREAS, 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and*

*WHEREAS, 73% of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family; and*

*WHEREAS, The City of Spokane Valley supports its local businesses that creates jobs, boosts our local economy and preserves 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, I, Rod Higgins, Mayor of the City of Spokane Valley, on behalf of the Spokane Valley City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 as*

#### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

*for the City of Spokane Valley, and I urge Spokane Valley citizens to join communities across the country in our support of small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.*

*Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L.R. Higgins", is written over a horizontal line.

L.R. Higgins, Mayor