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## A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR JIM PAINE

**WHEREAS,** the City of Superior 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 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; 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 most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community (65%); and

**WHEREAS,** Superior, WI 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, I, JIM PAINE,** Mayor of the City of Superior, hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 as

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand Eighteen.

Jim Paine, Mayor

