

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS: Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we celebrate Brookings' small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS: 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, 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 percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community and 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

WHEREAS: Brookings, South 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, Keith W. Corbett, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018 as:

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And call upon the residents of Brookings to support our small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Keith W. Corbett".

Keith W. Corbett, Mayor