



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.7 million small businesses in the United States that represents 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and are responsible for 64.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** small businesses employ over 47.3 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** 94 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

**WHEREAS,** 96 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** 92 percent of businesses planning promotions on Small Business Saturday agree that the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season; and

**WHEREAS,** Great Falls, Montana 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, BOB KELLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2019, as

## Small Business Saturday

in Great Falls, Montana, and I urge local communities and residents to support small businesses and merchants on **Small Business Saturday** and throughout the year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 19th day of November, 2019.



Bob Kelly, Mayor