



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Small businesses are the backbone of the economy and the glue that holds communities together. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently twenty-eight million small businesses in the United States, and small businesses created sixty-five percent of net new jobs over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS: Ninety-nine percent of US consumers agree it is important to support small businesses in their communities, and ninety percent are willing to pledge support for a "Buy Local" initiative such as *Small Business Saturday*; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans support local businesses that create jobs, boost the local economy, and preserve neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as *Small Business Saturday*; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans are urged to support small businesses and merchants on *Small Business Saturday* and all throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2011 as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10th day of November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Schultz".

SECRETARY OF STATE