



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The State of Minnesota celebrates 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 over 28 million small businesses in the United States that represent more than 99 percent of American employer firms, create nearly two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generate 46 percent of private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS:

Small businesses in the United States employ nearly half of the employees in the private sector; and

WHEREAS:

Eighty-nine percent of U.S. consumers agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS:

Eighty-seven percent of U.S. consumers agree that small businesses are critical to the country's overall economic health; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Minnesota supports 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 following Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 29, 2014, 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 21st day of November.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE