

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota celebrates local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economies and communities; and
- WHEREAS: 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: Ninety-five percent of Americans have a positive view of small businesses; and
- WHEREAS: Small businesses in the United States employ over half of the workers in the private sector; and
- WHEREAS: More than 500,000 Minnesota small businesses employ one million Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economies, 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 24, 2018, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE