



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota celebrates local, small businesses and the contributions they make to our economy and the community. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, which represent more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of the new jobs, and generate one-half of the private, gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS: In the United States, small businesses employ one-half of the employees in the private sector; and

WHEREAS: In the United States, 89 percent of consumers agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue and 86 percent of consumers have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed; and

WHEREAS: In the United States, 93 percent of consumers agree it is important for people to support the small businesses they value in their community, and 90 percent of consumers are willing to pledge support for a "buy local" movement; 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 United States have endorsed the Saturday following Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2013, 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 20th day of November.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE