



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KIM LUND

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Bellingham celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 34.7 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 61.1% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 45.9% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business in the U.S. stays in the local economy and every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional 48 cents in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and

WHEREAS, 59% of U.S. consumers aware of Small Business Saturday shopped or ate at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on Small Business Saturday 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bellingham supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our community; 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, DO I, Kim Lund, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2024, to be

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and urge our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday throughout the year.



Signed November 7, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Lund".

Kim Lund, Mayor
City of Bellingham