

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 30.7 million small businesses in the U.S., representing 99.9 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and are responsible for creating 1.5 million jobs annually; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are a recognized proving ground for entrepreneurs, a vibrant source of innovation, creativity, and competition, and an essential source of employment, and amidst the global pandemic, it is more important than ever to shop local and support our small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our economy, and preserve our neighborhoods. Along with the many advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the county, the City of Spokane is proud to support businesses who have adapted to the new COVID-19 guidelines in order to keep their employees and customers safe and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, the holiday shopping experience will look and feel differently this year, it remains important to support our local businesses by showing patience with limited capacity in stores, wearing face coverings to protect others, and practicing kindness to owners and employees who are relying on our community to keep their doors open for business:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

and urge all citizens to shop small and support our local businesses, eateries, and merchants who make our community stronger.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of November in 2020.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

