

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 has over 10,000 small businesses with fewer than ten employees, and we appreciate their work in creating jobs, boosting our economy, and preserving our neighborhoods, and as the pandemic continues to affect our community, we are grateful for their adherence to safety measures which protect their employees and the customers they serve; and

WHEREAS, during this year's holiday shopping experience, it remains important to support our local businesses by showing patience, 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 20th, 27th and December 4th, 11th, and 18th 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
1st day of November in 2021.

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

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

