



Proclamation

City of Spokane Valley, Washington

Small Business Saturday

WHEREAS, *The City of Spokane Valley celebrates its local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 27.9 million small businesses in the United States, which represents approximately 99% of American employer firms, creates more than two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generates 46% of the private gross domestic product, as well as 54% of all United States' sales; and*

WHEREAS, *Small businesses employ over 55% of the working population in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *Eighty-nine percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and*

WHEREAS, *Eighty-seven percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *Ninety-three percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Spokane Valley supports its local businesses that creates jobs, boosts our local economy and preserves our neighborhoods; 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, I, Dean Grafos, Mayor of the City of Spokane Valley, on behalf of the Spokane Valley City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2015 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

for the City of Spokane Valley, and I urge Spokane Valley citizens to join communities across the country in our support of small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Dated this 20th day of November 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Grafos", is written over a horizontal line.

Dean Grafos, Mayor