



# Bismarck

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the government of Bismarck, ND, 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 32.5 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 62% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 46.8% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 79% of consumers said they understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday®, 70% report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small®, independently-owned retailers, and 66% report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long; and

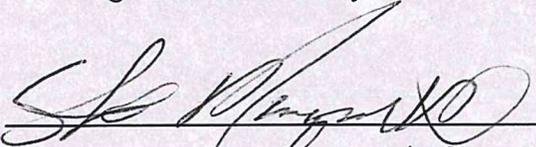
**WHEREAS**, 58% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business, and 54% reported they dined or ordered takeout from a small restaurant, bar, or café on Small Business Saturday in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bismarck supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the country, have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Steve Marquardt, Commissioner of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2022, as **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**. I urge all citizens of our community and communities across the country to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed this 22nd day of November 2022.



Steve Marquardt, Commissioner  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners