



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the government of Mukilteo, Washington, 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 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, Mukilteo, Washington 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim November 25th, 2023, as *Small Business Saturday* and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed this 20th Day of November, 2023



Joe Marine
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Mayor