

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and the glue that holds communities together – creating jobs, boosting the local economy, and preserving our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, according to the Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, small businesses with fewer than 500 employees represented 98 percent of all employers in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Washington's small businesses employ more than half of the state's private workforce, 1.2 million workers in Washington, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration and businesses with fewer than 100 employees are the largest share of small business employment; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 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, Washington residents celebrate our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses on the busiest shopping weekend of the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2015, as

Small Business Saturday

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed this 13th day of November, 2015

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee

