

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin, Oregon, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the U.S. Small Business Administration and its Office of Advocacy, there are now approximately 36.2 million small businesses in the United States — accounting for nearly all U.S. firms and contributing to nearly 46 % of private-sector employment.

WHEREAS, small businesses employ nearly half of all private-sector workers (approximately 45 % of the U.S. workforce) and are responsible for roughly 90 % of net new jobs created from March 2023 to March 2024 (small businesses accounted for a net increase of about 1.2 million jobs of the 1.4 million total).

WHEREAS, small businesses continue to face post-pandemic challenges — including inflation, supply-chain disruptions, labor and benefit costs — even as many have adapted with increased online presence and pivoting business models.

WHEREAS, consumers continue to value purchasing from locally-owned businesses — studies indicate that a very high percentage of Americans believe small businesses positively impact their communities and local economies.

WHEREAS, Tualatin, Oregon strongly 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 the City of Tualatin does hereby proclaim November 29, 2025, as Small Business Saturday® and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

| BY<br>Mayor         |
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| ATTEST:             |
| BY<br>City Recorder |