

# Proclamation

## *Declaring November 26, 2022 as Small Business Saturday*

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 United States Small Business Administration, there were 31.7 million small businesses in the United States, representing 99.9 percent of all firms with paid employees, and are responsible for 65.1 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, 96% of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday® agree that shopping at small, independently-owned businesses supports their commitment to making purchases that have a positive social, economic, and environmental impact and 97% of consumers who shopped on Small Business Saturday agree that small businesses are essential to their community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin also recognizes the impacts the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on our small businesses and those they employ, and dedicated \$1.2 million to our local economic recovery efforts in 2020 and 2021, and

WHEREAS, consumers have also continued to support locally owned businesses during COVID-19; with 86% of Americans spending almost \$100 a week at local businesses – a 16% increase before the crisis with a record of \$19.8 billion in 2020, and

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 26, 2022 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder