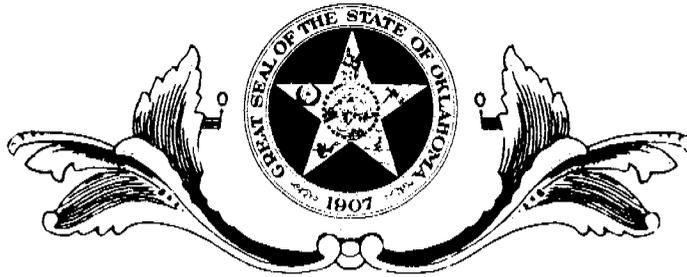


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahomans believe that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States and small businesses created 65 percent of new jobs over the past two decades; and

Whereas, 99% of US consumers agree it is important to support the small businesses they value in their communities and 90% are willing to pledge to support a "Buy Local" small business initiative like Small Business Saturday; and

Whereas, Oklahoma supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and

Whereas, residents of our community and communities across the country are being asked to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2011 as

"Small Business Saturday"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



ATTEST:

Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Michelle R. Davis

GOVERNOR

Mary Fallin

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