STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *Oklahoma works hard to foster a pro-growth, pro-business environment and small businesses are at the heart of our vibrant economy; and*

Whereas, *Oklahoma celebrates small businesses and the contribution they make to our local community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States, which represent more than 99 percent of American companies, created roughly 66 percent of the net new jobs, and generate 50 percent of the private gross domestic product; and*

Whereas, *small businesses employ one-half of all private workers in the United States; and*

Whereas, *small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and*

Whereas, *86 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community they would miss if it closed; and*

Whereas, *shopping at locally owned, independent businesses creates jobs, strengthens local economies, and preserves communities through related payrolls, tax revenue, and other expenditures; and*

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

Whereas, *advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed and encourage citizens to shop at small businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and throughout the year;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2013 as*

"Small Business Saturday"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 25th *day of* November, *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* fourteen, *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and sixth year.

Chris Benge
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR