

Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Small Businesses account for over 95% of all North Dakota Businesses, representing nearly 200,000 employees in the state; and

WHEREAS, Small Businesses contribute positively to Bismarck's local economy, creating wealth, jobs, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, more than 95 million Americans shopped small on Small Business Saturday last year, spending more than \$16.2 billion with independent merchants; and

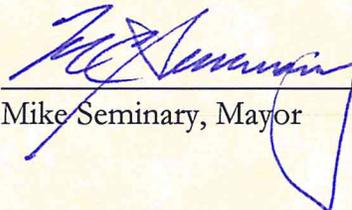
WHEREAS, the City of Bismarck joins more than 550 Mayors and city officials in recognizing Small Business Saturday and the positive contributions small businesses continue to make in the Bismarck community; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Bismarck are encouraged to commemorate Small Business Saturday by shopping small and supporting small local, independent Bismarck businesses on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Seminary, Mayor of the City of Bismarck and this Board of City Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the Saturday following Thanksgiving, November 26, 2016, SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, in the City of Bismarck.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this City of Bismarck this 22nd day of November, 2016.


Mike Seminary, Mayor