

## 2022 Small Business Saturday Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lexington, Nebraska, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 32.5 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, and they are responsible for 62% of net new jobs created since 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ 47.1% of the employees in the private sector in the United States, 88% of U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, and 92% of small business owners have pivoted the way they do business to stay open during the pandemic; and

**Whereas**, 79% of consumers understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday®, 70% report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small®, independently-owned retailers, and 66% report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long; and

**Whereas**, 58% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business and 54% reported they dined or ordered takeout from a small restaurant, bar, or café on Small Business Saturday in 2021; and

**Whereas**, the City of Lexington, Nebraska, 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, I**, John Fagot, Mayor of Lexington, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2022, as:

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

**And** urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Dated this 28th day of October 2022.



John Fagot, Mayor