



## *PROCLAMATION*

- WHEREAS*, the City of Gillette, Wyoming, 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 are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and
- WHEREAS*, small businesses employ over 49% of the working population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS*, 89% of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS*, 87% of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and
- WHEREAS*, 93% of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and
- WHEREAS*, the City of Gillette, Wyoming 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.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Louise Carter-King, Mayor of Gillette, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Gillette, County of Campbell, and State of Wyoming do hereby proclaim November 26, 2016 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.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

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Louise Carter-King, Mayor

(Attested by)

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk