

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

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

WHEREAS, according to the American Independent Business Alliance, spending at independent local businesses puts 3.5 times more money in the local economy as shopping at a chain store; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, there are 33.2 million small businesses in the United States and they employ 61.6 million workers; and

WHEREAS, the Saturday after Thanksgiving is Small Business Saturday in communities across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 29, 2025 as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge residents to shop, dine, and support locally throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal
of the City of Brookings, State of South
Dakota, this 25th day of November, 2025.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor