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National Craft & Home Decor Retailer Prepares for the Opening of its New Store in Yakima, WA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Hobby Lobby Stores, a privately held national retail chain of craft & home decor stores, is set to open a new store in Yakima, WA. Construction and renovations have begun on this 62,000 square-foot building formerly occupied by Top Food and Drug, located at South 1st Street & Washington Avenue.

This is Hobby Lobby's tenth location in Washington, which is projected to open in the middle of September. The location will bring about 35 - 50 jobs to the community paying \$15 per hour for full time and \$10 per hour for part-time associates.

"We are excited to bring our unique store to the community. Customers new to Hobby Lobby are pleasantly surprised at the size of the store as well as the crafts and home decor selection of merchandise we carry. Shopping at Hobby Lobby is a truly unrivalled experience in value and service," stated John Schumacher, Assistant Vice President of Advertising.

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK, began as Greco, a miniature picture frames company in 1970. When David Green moved his business from the family's garage to a 300 square foot retail space in 1972, Hobby Lobby was founded. Today, Hobby Lobby has **over 600** stores across the nation that average 55,000 square feet in size. This major Oklahoma City-based private corporation offers more than 70,000 crafting and home decor products in its stores. Departments include floral, fabric, needle art, custom framing, baskets, home accents, wearable art, arts and crafts, jewelry making, scrapbooking and paper crafting supplies. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. All Hobby Lobby stores are closed on Sunday.

For more information about Hobby Lobby, our weekly specials, coupon offers, store locations and online shopping, visit our website at <u>www.hobbylobby.com</u>, or follow us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/hobbylobby</u>.