Economic Development Week

A KEEPSAKE OF WRITTEN AND PICTORIAL MEMORIES

MAY 8 - 14, 2016

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Esteemed Colleagues:

IEDC is proud to present to you this keepsake of America’s first national Economic Development Week. This campaign was inspired by 2016 IEDC Board Chair, Mr. Barry Matherly, CECd, FM, President & CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc., in order to celebrate the tireless work of Economic Developers, and the contribution that the profession has on every single community in the national and global economy.

In this booklet, you’ll find some of the many proclamations and resolutions from celebrations held around the nation. You’ll also find examples of the marketing and communication campaign that took place on social media, in the press and on various websites and blog sites as well.

Nationally, we know that more than 75 communities participated in Economic Development Week. Whether your community was among those that celebrated, or helped create awareness for the campaign in some way, thank you for making this a memorable experience. Through your guidance and support we were able to execute this celebration campaign to our members and nonmember communities, many of which continue to tell us how much value they gained through this incredible effort.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Finkle, CECd
President & CEO
IEDC

[Signature Image]
My Esteemed Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to chair IEDC’s 90th anniversary year. If you were at Leadership Conference in New Orleans, then I’m sure you walked away feeling proud to be part of our community of professionals. Early data tells us that our first event of our anniversary celebration was both well executed and well received.

To keep the celebration going, I invite you to take part in Economic Development Week from May 8-14. This week-long awareness campaign was created as part of IEDC's 90th anniversary celebration to recognize both the profession and the professional.

Here's why you want to create a special Economic Development Week campaign for your community:
- Recognition by your community of achievements within economic development.
- Exposure of the economic development industry as a driving force behind local economies.
- Interaction between economic development organizations and community members to develop future programs that enhance local economic impact.

Its calendar placement, May 8-14, represents the time in 2001 that IEDC was created by a merger of the American Economic Development Council (AEDC) and the Council for Urban Economic Development (CUED).

As part of the effort to promote Economic Development Week, we have prepared a Celebration Guide (PDF), which includes:
- Sample resolution which can be passed by cities, counties, states and the federal government to help recognize the Year of the Economic Developer and IEDC’s anniversary.
- Sample press release which you may download, modify, and distribute.
- Sample ad which you may use as a template to promote the event in your community.

You may find the Celebration Guide on IEDC’s website at www.iedconline.org/90years.

Also included in the Celebration Guide are:
- Outreach techniques, including writing pieces in blogs and/or newsletters to promote Economic Development Week.
- Social media ideas, including sample social media messages to jump start your campaign.
- Campaign ideas, including ways to raise awareness and allow economic developers and their supporters to celebrate Economic Development Week.

On an individual level, and in addition to what you’ll do to promote Economic Development Week, you’re encouraged to connect and celebrate with your peers through social media. Use the hashtag #YearofEconDev to share videos and pictures of both your economic development career moments and your community's celebration. The hashtag can be shared on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. Use the Celebration Guide as a resource to increase visibility for this very special year.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM
President/CEO
Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc.
Chair
International Economic Development Council
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I. IEDC Partners, Sponsors & Affiliates Salute Economic Developers

The support from sponsors and partnering communities helped IEDC amplify messaging for Economic Development Week, and the many campaigns that took place around the nation. This section showcases a few examples of support we received.
Economic Development is the lifeblood that courses through the veins of communities across this country. For 90 years, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and its members have worked tirelessly to create economic opportunity and jobs in regions here at home and around the globe. At the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), we are proud of our strong partnership with the IEDC and of the important work we do together to institute the cutting-edge economic development programs, policies and tools our nation needs to be competitive in our ever-changing global economy.

“This week, EDA is pleased to join the IEDC to celebrate “Economic Development Week” and to help shine a bright spotlight on the Economic Development profession and the tremendous work that economic developers are doing to create a brighter future for the citizens of our nation. We congratulate the IEDC on 90 years of service to our communities and regions! We thank you for your partnership! And, we commend all of those involved in the humble but rewarding profession of economic development for your commitment and dedication.”

- Jay Williams
  U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
  Economic Development Administration
  U.S. Department of Commerce
It’s Economic Development Week!
May 12, 2016 by tradegov

Vinai Thummalapally is the Executive Director of SelectUSA.

Every day, economic developers across the United States work to create, attract, and retain jobs in their local communities. This week, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is leading Economic Development Week to thank economic developers for their contributions to economic growth and the quality of life in their regions.

Celebrate Economic Development Week
SelectUSA works with these economic developers to help them attract foreign direct investment (FDI), and in the process, we see just how hard they work. They are often at it for long hours, stretching across multiple time zones. They’re on their feet for days, pitching people at trade fairs and patiently answering questions. We saw this most recently at Hannover Messe, as more than 90 U.S. economic development organizations (EDOs) worked incredibly hard to find the right leads among more than 200,000 attendees. Then, they painstakingly follow up, business card by business card, for months and sometimes years, with potential investors.

When an investment deal is close, they put the extra time in to make sure it gets across the finish line. Just last week, we saw this with the team from the Brownsville Economic Development Council. One day they were meeting with prospects in Hannover, Germany, and the next they were back home preparing to announce a $114 million investment they had been working on since 2014.

It’s at those moments — when the investments are announced, when the companies start hiring, when the ribbons are cut and the workers are on the job — that we see just how much the work of economic developers means to individuals and their families.

FDI creates jobs. In fact, an estimated 12 million U.S. jobs can be attributed to foreign direct investment. FDI contributes to American innovation and helps drive exports: the U.S. affiliates of foreign companies spent $53 billion on U.S. research and development and exported more than one fifth of total U.S. goods exports in 2013 alone. Thanks in part to the work of economic developers, the United States remains the largest recipient of FDI in the world.

This week is also an opportunity to note an impressive milestone. Congratulations to IEDC on their 90th anniversary. They have worked hard, over many years, to give a powerful voice to the economic development community. They have shown leadership through practical and forward-thinking training. And they have brought economic developers together, to share best practices and keep American communities competitive.

Join in the discussion and join us in thanking our nation’s economic developers online by tweeting to #EconDevWeek!

Learn more about SelectUSA: Housed within the U.S. Department of Commerce, SelectUSA promotes and facilitates business investment into the United States. SelectUSA assists U.S. economic development organizations to compete globally for investment by providing information, a platform for international marketing, and high-level advocacy. SelectUSA helps investors find the information they need to make decisions; connect to the right people at the local level; navigate the federal regulatory system; and find solutions to issues related to the federal government. For more information, visit www.selectusa.gov.
This month, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is commemorating its 90th anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers. May 8 marked the date of the merger between the American Economic Development Council and the Council for Urban Economic Development in 2001.

IEDC has designated this week (8-14), Economic Development Week, encouraging economic developers from throughout the world to celebrate the industry as a profession. It’s a great time to recognize the long-term impact that this profession has had on job creation, new investment and improving communities.

“This anniversary is not only about the history of IEDC,” IEDC Board Chair Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM said. “It’s about the incredible, albeit sometimes thankless, work economic developers do to keep jobs plentiful and to maintain a high quality of life. That is but one reason why this anniversary is reserved for celebrating economic developers.”

Celebrating Economic Development Week gives communities an opportunity to showcase the results of positive collaboration and continued partnerships. It also provides a forum for educating elected officials, community leaders and residents on the importance of supporting economic development efforts.

IEDC’s celebration guide is available for download here.

Saginaw, MI’s County Board of Commissioners and City Council passed resolutions announcing May 8-14 as Economic Development Week and recognizing the strong, long-term relationship that they have shared with IEDC. The Great Lakes Bay Region has been hosting tours of its eight-county collaborative this week, including meetings with a site consultant.

Many other communities also are undertaking celebration plans. Ohio’s GROW Licking County has been among the first EDOs to organize Economic Development Week events: Its two-day ED101 Connect series is focusing on educating the community on the importance of the economic development profession.

“The intent of this series is to provide a critical baseline of education to our county’s leadership,” Licking County Commissioner’s Office President Tim Bubb said. “Through this dialogue, we hope to promote a fuller understanding of economic development and its role with various elected boards throughout Licking County.”

ED101 Connect covers best practices, stories of successes and shortfalls, as well as the importance of collaboration in economic development. Seminars strive to create a core of “in-the-know” community leaders, entrepreneurs, and business professionals by arming them with essential knowledge to improve infrastructure, attract and retain business, and sustain a healthy local economy.

Tulare County (CA) Economic Development Corporation is spreading the news through its stakeholder update videos and is introducing resolutions to be adopted by county officials recognizing Economic Development Week.

Other highlights include:

- Greater Richmond Partnership (VA) organized an Economic Development Partners Lunch & Learn on May 8, and will participate in several events throughout the week.
- Greater MSP, (Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN) along with IEDC President & CEO Jeff Finkle, CEcD, is hosting an event to recognize those executives and government officials involved in rolling out the Minnesota Medical Manufacturing Partnership (MMMP).
- Grow St. Charles (MO) has passed a City Council resolution of support, and has requested a proclamation from Missouri Governor Jay Nixon.

Yesterday, IEDC Vice Chair Michael Langley visited Cleveland to join Joe Marinucci of the Downtown Cleveland Partnership and Tracey Nichols of the City of Cleveland for a press conference to formally announce Economic Development Week, as well as IEDC’s Annual Conference, held September 25-28 in Cleveland, OH.

IEDC also launched a new award for Economic Development Week called the Innovation in Economic Development Week Award. This award will highlight effective promotion and celebration of Economic Development Week in communities. There is no cost to enter the contest, but the activities that communities highlight in their entries must have been completed during the week of May 8-14. The deadline to apply for the award is June 10. Download the Innovation in Economic Development Week entry packet to get started.

Business Facilities congratulates IEDC on its 90th anniversary!
ICSC SALUTES
Economic Development Week
May 8 - 14, 2016

Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth.

See what’s lined up around the United States

www.iedconline.org/90years

#YearofEconDev
National Governors Association greeting IEDC for Economic Development Week.

See the “Contributions from the Economic Development Online Community” section for more social media activities.
How are Federal Reserve Banks engaged in economic development across the country? Will Lambe of the Atlanta Fed and Daniel Davis of the St. Louis Fed discuss various Bank initiatives in an Economic Development podcast.

Michael Langley: Welcome to the Federal Reserve Bank’s Economic Development podcast series. I’m Michael Langley, CEO of the Greater Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership, which we call Greater MSP. I’m also honored to serve as the vice chair of the International Economic Development Council’s board of directors this year.

The International Economic Development Council, or IEDC, has designated 2016 as the Year of the Economic Developer and the week of May 8th as Economic Development Week. Economic developers across the globe work to drive economic growth by building strategies that create and maintain jobs and capital investment in their localities, regions, and states.

While the Federal Reserve System primarily works to promote full employment and price stability, its community development function conducts research, analysis, and events that have tremendous economic development impact. Some recent initiatives have included analysis of relative economic dynamism of small cities; resources and expertise around growing local entrepreneurs and the small business ecosystem; and evaluation of national and regional workforce development policies, programs, and networks.

There are a number of highly experienced economic developers who are Fed staff, and the Fed and IEDC have enjoyed a healthy collaboration through the years. Today we’re speaking with two Federal Reserve representatives about their economic development related work: Will Lambe, senior adviser on community development finance at the Atlanta Fed, and Daniel Davis, senior manager with the St. Louis Fed. Welcome, and thanks to you for being with us today, to both of you.

Will, let’s start with you. Why do you think the Federal Reserve is engaged in economic development in this country?

Will Lambe: To answer that, Michael, I need to at least just make quick reference to our roots. As you mentioned, each Federal Reserve Bank throughout the System has a community development, or CED, community and economic development function. Those functions are rooted in the Community Reinvestment Act, or CRA, of 1977, which as you know compels commercial banks to meet the credit needs of all communities from which they take deposits. That’s just a long way of saying the CED teams across the Reserve Bank System are focused on places with, and people living in, economic distress, otherwise referred to often as low- to moderate-income communities.

I think the explanation for why we’re engaged in economic development is that the main strategies of economic developers—whether it’s recruitment, business retention, or job creation through entrepreneurship-type programming—depending on the execution, have tremendous potential for revitalizing distressed places and creating opportunities for low-income people. So that’s really sort of the essence of how we’re engaged in economic development.

Langley: Great. Well, as you’ve led a national effort across the Federal Reserve Banks and partners also in understanding and improving investment in smaller cities and distressed areas, can you share more about the kind of economic development component of the work, in terms of either workforce finance or real estate?
Lambe: This is a really exciting part of our portfolio here in Atlanta. Since our Bank’s region is the Southeast—small cities are like nerve centers for regional economies. Depending on how you define a small city, somewhere between 20 and 40 percent of the U.S. population lives in smaller cities. Folks living in rural areas increasingly rely on the economic density in nearby small cities for employment opportunities, for retail, for health care, for education and other services.

In a nutshell, we’ve come to believe that smaller cities have a lot of untapped, or what you might think of as undercapitalized opportunities, for achieving community and economic development outcomes. We’re involved in research and what I think of as momentum-building efforts to shine more light on the untapped potential in smaller cities. These are really efforts in partnership with a variety of philanthropic partners and colleagues from other Federal Reserve Banks.

Finally, the overarching intent of this work around smaller cities is to attract more outside investment in the smaller markets from foundations, from banks, from other socially motivated investors, which, as you know, Michael, will in turn support the work of local economic developers in those markets.

Langley: Absolutely, Will. So Daniel, to get you in this conversation, and it follows on from Will’s last remarks, is that we know the St. Louis Fed has been engaged in supporting all sizes of communities in building economic development capacity. So in your mind, what is the Fed’s role in this and what specific economic development goals have you hoped to support in your region?

Daniel Davis: Well, Michael, at the St. Louis Fed our work is really split among two dimensions when it comes to supporting economic development within communities. And that first [dimension] is that it’s really focused on fostering collaboration among key players within the industry to ensure that they have the connections and resources they need to establish economically viable communities. We work to do this in rural communities around our region by leading workshops that we call “Saving Your Small Town,” where we disseminate information about effective rural economic development strategies that are largely focused on principles of asset-based economic development and entrepreneurship and how those two key strategies play a role in building strong rural economies.

To build on this, we’ve recently launched a multiyear initiative called Delta Communities. The aim of Delta Communities is to strengthen underserved communities across the Arkansas and the Mississippi Delta region. The framework of the initiative is to bring local leaders together and to invite them to consider opportunities that exist to put into place economic development strategies that promote small business development, job growth, and even infrastructure improvements. Delta Communities aims to give these small rural places the tools that they need to do sustainable economic development themselves. As a result, the St. Louis Fed is releasing a guide here in just a few months that can help those who are new to the industry better understand what levers they can pull to fund economic development strategies.

Of course, outside of our work in the Delta and other rural areas, the St. Louis Fed is engaged in meaningful work to support development in cities like Memphis and St. Louis, Little Rock, and Louisville, where our inner-city neighborhoods often have difficulty accessing capital for economic development initiatives. In each of those cities, the St. Louis Fed works with local government, community development financial institutions, banks, community organizations, and the business community to support the local community’s capacity for economic development.

We take seriously our role as a broker of high-quality information, and this spring, as an example, we’re partnering in Memphis with the Urban Land Institute and the Mid-South Mayor’s Council to bring together over 200 mid-South leaders in government and economic development to collaborate on the challenges and opportunities the mid-South region faces, and to consider how regional cooperation can improve economic development outcomes.

So that’s one dimension, but the second part—and I’ll speak more briefly on this piece—is that our work supports economic development by identifying challenges confronting low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and communities. We conduct on an annual basis a community development outlook survey that seeks to pinpoint what some of the most significant community and economic development challenges and opportunities actually are. We include as part of this a slice aimed at gathering and reporting information from economic developers. This includes perspectives on the outlook for business and job growth across the seven states that the St. Louis Fed serves as well as perspectives on what is needed for communities to take advantage of economic globalization.

Lastly, we’re in the process of developing an
online scorecard that looks at 22 indicators that we believe are predictors of economic and social development, and then drilling those indicators down to the county level, to reveal how any of the 3,100 counties in the United States are progressing across areas of economic mobility at the household, community, and overall economy levels. The aim is that economic developers and others will be able to take this information and use it to inform the important investments they are making.

**Langley:** Daniel, let me ask you a follow-on: How are other Federal Reserve Banks around the country, from your knowledge, engaged in economic development in their own regions?

**Davis:** I’d say all of the Federal Reserve Banks are engaged in economic development, to some extent. As an example, last August, the Minneapolis Fed launched the Center for Indian Country Development with a mission to help self-governing communities of American Indians in the United States actually attain their economic development goals.

Then beginning in 2013, the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Richmond partnered together to respond to the unique challenges that Rust Belt communities were experiencing. Over the span of a couple of years, they facilitated an exchange of ideas among the leadership of several Rust Belt cities, helping them think through ways of developing and implementing strategies to attract new residents and investments.

Over at the Boston Fed, their team is active in promoting economic development through the Working Cities Challenge, which is an economic development competition for smaller postindustrial cities trying to help lower-income residents.

In the realm of small business and entrepreneurship, the New York Fed has led a national effort across our Reserve Banks to better understand the business conditions, credit needs, and borrowing experiences of small businesses, and the Kansas City Fed has developed a number of great resources for practitioners and policymakers alike focused on entrepreneurship-based economic development for growing local communities.

The San Francisco Fed has studied local conditions and solutions in economically distressed communities and produced a series of books with national partners and experts on what is working for these communities.

Michael, I could offer a number of examples but perhaps just one more, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas has been working in the Colonias, which are unincorporated settlements, many of which fall along or near the border with Mexico, that lack basic infrastructure.

**Langley:** Well, quite impressive. The Fed’s work also links economic development, as both of you have mentioned, to fields of workforce and community development. Why do you feel this is important, and how does the Federal Reserve play a leadership role in connecting community development and workforce to economic development?

**Lambe:** Workforce and community development, however one might define those activities, are, in my view, the building blocks for economic development. In order to facilitate efficiently economic growth through job creation and capital investment, we have to ensure that a place, whether it’s a city or a county or a region or an entire state, has a workforce and community institutions to build on top of. I would say the Fed’s role in these areas differs by region, as Daniel just suggested.

Workforce development has been a major element of our portfolio and this has included a significant and growing body of research around workforce and labor market policy. We also publish best practices and assemble national experts to address some of the pressing practice—as well as policy—questions about workforce intervention.

**Davis:** I would absolutely agree with Will and just add on that really strong economic development is facilitated by stable and productive community and workforce development. All three, they’re foundational and interrelated for creating communities that are going to build new businesses and communities that are going to increase job growth. I think the Federal Reserve is at this nexus of the business sector, financial sector, and works with the communities themselves.

The Fed has a unique role in convening and sharing information that crosses these various sectors to engage leadership at the local, state, and national level through the regional Reserve Banks and the work of the Board of Governors in Washington. Really, these links between economic community and workforce development are increasingly becoming a part of the conversations that are held throughout the country. I think that we’ve seen this trend where the community and
economic development departments at the Fed have continually started to incorporate this idea of workforce development into their portfolios to help communities understand how important workforce development is to boosting community and economic development.

**Langley:** So my last question for both of you is, given this, I’m interested on how both of you recommend that we local economic developers around the country engage their Federal Reserve counterparts who work on these similar issues. What can we do more together?

**Davis:** Well to me, the best way is actually just to get in contact with your local Federal Reserve and let them know that as economic developers, that you’re interested in and want to be a part of their work. To me, the best way to do this is through a web portal called fedcommunities.org. This is a web portal that’s out there where there are hundreds of Federal Reserve resources about what’s going on around the Federal Reserve System and at the Board of Governors in DC.

I think our colleagues around the Federal Reserve System will be happy to hear from economic developers who are interested in learning more about the research, data, and resources the Fed provides. Additionally, I think economic developers are an essential part of moving our communities forward, as we’ve been talking about today. The Federal Reserve understands this. We have a desire to include the voice of the economic developer and the dialogues we’re having around the country.

So the first step I would say is encouraging economic developers to reach out to their local Reserve Bank, and share with staff their interest in working together.

**Lambe:** Absolutely. I’ll just add, in addition to what Daniel just suggested, is each Bank in the Federal Reserve System has what’s called a community affairs officer, which is the best conduit for any potential partner to access the wide range of Federal Reserve Bank resources and expertise that might exist, both within the community and economic development function but also across other parts of the Bank. So, keep in mind that the community affairs officers at the Banks are another good way to initiate new partnerships with our System.

**Langley:** Great. Don’t forget, for those of you listening, fedcommunities.org. On behalf of our panelists, Will and Daniel, and myself, Michael Langley from Greater MSP, we’d all like to say “Happy Economic Development Week,” and thank you for joining this podcast series today, Economic Development, from the Federal Reserve Bank. Thank you very much for listening. That concludes our podcast.

Listen to the podcast online at frbatlanta.org/podcasts.
II.

Making It Official: Resolutions & Proclamations

Communities submitted proclamations and resolutions to IEDC showcasing their work to engage elected officials into this first ever national campaign. From communities in Missouri to Arizona, Texas, Virginia, Alaska, and Michigan, these documents helped Economic Development Week become official.
Executive Proclamation
by
Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, Alaska continues to be a land of opportunity, filled with people of ingenuity, and we have all the tools at hand to diversify, support, and further develop all sectors of Alaska’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the most powerful dollars in our economy are Alaskan dollars; every dollar spent voluntarily out of state that could have been spent on an item manufactured, produced, grown, or sold in Alaska limits economic opportunity for our fellow Alaskans. National studies show that local retailers return an average of 52 percent of their revenue to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, there were 13,100 manufacturing employees in Alaska in 2015, and there are more than 60,000 small businesses in Alaska. Alaska’s small businesses make up 96 percent of all employers in the state and employ more than half of the state’s private workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Economic Development within the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development provides support, services, and administers revolving loan funds for small businesses that would not otherwise qualify for private-sector lending; and

WHEREAS, government agency procurement practices can positively impact Alaska’s economy by ensuring that Alaskan goods and services are used whenever possible and economical. In FY 2015, agencies from all three branches of government and the University of Alaska spent nearly $43B through contracts for goods and services for government operations. Of that amount, an estimated $343M was spent outside of Alaska, preventing further circulation of those dollars in our economy; and

WHEREAS, the month of May begins an entire summer of markets and festivals which provide Alaskans many opportunities to support their local economies, including the celebration of Economic Development Week (May 8-14) and the Alaska Crafted Festival (May 21); and

WHEREAS, Alaska has limitless potential to further develop our economy through the responsible use of our resource wealth and exercise of our self-determination, creating a stronger Alaska for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as:

Buy Alaskan Month

in Alaska, and urge all individuals, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to buy Alaskan goods and services whenever possible and economical to support our economy.

Dated: May 3, 2016

Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the seal of the State of Alaska to be affixed to this proclamation.
WHEREAS: The International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS: The International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS: The International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth and enhance wealth; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments; public-private partnerships; chambers of commerce; universities; and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS: Economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the contributions of all its economic developers impacting every part of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2016, as:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of May.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Steve Dille
SECRETARY OF STATE
Resolution

Whereas, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

Whereas, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

Whereas, economic developers create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

Whereas, economic developers work in every county within the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the International Economic Development Council as it proudly celebrates 2016 as The Year of the Economic Developer; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during The Year of the Economic Developer.

Offered by
Representative Anne Ferr
District No. 65

I, Todd Richardson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1181, adopted March 14, 2016.

Todd Richardson, Speaker
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

OHIO’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

throughout Ohio as they celebrate Economic Development Week from May 8-14, 2016 and encourage all Ohioans to join us in recognizing the importance of economic developers in expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

On this 10th day of May 2016;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor
City of Tulsa

The Honorable Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and,
WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and,
WHEREAS, they provide leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, with initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and,
WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and,
WHEREAS, they stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and,
WHEREAS, they are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions, and attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions, as well as The City of Tulsa within the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr., Mayor of the City of Tulsa, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2016 as “Economic Development Week” in the City of Tulsa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tulsa to be affixed on the 26th day of April, 2016.

Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr., MAYOR
In recognition of

Economic Development Week

May 8 - 14, 2016

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation declaring May 8 through May 14, 2016 as Economic Development Week in Cleveland; and,

Whereas, Economic Development Week supports the work of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), an organization that is committed to economic developers around the globe and the communities it jointly serves. Dedicated to supporting the endeavors of its members, IEDC strives to advance the professional discipline of economic development as a whole; and,

Whereas, Economic Development Week celebrates achievements within the economic development profession by highlighting the success of entrepreneurship, business attraction and expansion, and land reutilization as well as developing neighborhoods of choice in the City of Cleveland and the region; and,

Whereas, economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents, and providing opportunity for all citizens and the communities in which they live and work. In doing this, economic developers also improve the quality of life of our citizens; and,

Whereas, the City of Cleveland, through the Department of Economic Development, continues to build an environment that helps businesses thrive and grow as well as providing the resources and assistance to start, and/or expand business operations in Cleveland; and,

Now therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby proclaim May 8 through May 14, 2016 as Economic Development Week in Cleveland. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the work of the IEDC, the Department of Economic Development and economic developers in the city and throughout the region during Economic Development Week.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 8th day of May in the year 2016.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson
Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the IEDC has designated May 8-14, 2016 as “Economic Development Week”; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, economic developers in Anchorage promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs, stimulating and incubating entrepreneurship, and engaging in a wide variety of settings including public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in the Municipality of Anchorage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, do hereby recognize 2016 as

The Year of the Economic Developer

AND I commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary.

[Signature]
Mayor
Board Resolution 2016-06

Recognizing 2016 as the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and as “The Year of the Economic Developer.”

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and,

Whereas, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by facilitating growth, enhancing wealth, and providing support to businesses and policymakers; and,

Whereas, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, helping to diversify the economy; and,

Whereas, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the AEDC Board of Directors hereby recognizes 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer” and commends the International Economic Development Council on its 90th anniversary;

Passed and approved this May 11, 2016.
RESOLUTION 14-2016


WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Benson within the State of Arizona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby

1) commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary,

2) recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer” in the City of Benson, Arizona, and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group and the International Economic Development Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 9th day of May, 2016.

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MESCH, CLARK AND ROTHSCCHILD, P.C.
By Gary J. Cohen
City’s Attorney
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Scottsdale is part of the International Economic Development Council celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, economic developers in Scottsdale promote economic well-being and quality of life for our community by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Scottsdale economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Scottsdale within the State of Arizona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. J. “Jim” Lane, Mayor of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2016 as

Economic Development Week

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona.

W. J. “Jim” Lane
Mayor of Scottsdale

Carolyn Jagger
City Clerk
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Frederick W. Mueller, Mayor of the City of Sierra Vista, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2016 as

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in and for the City of Sierra Vista.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Sierra Vista to be affixed this twenty-eighth day of April, the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen and the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

[Signature]
Frederick W. Mueller
Mayor
WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th year anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the international Economic Development Council is the largest professional Economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, economic developers in Somerton promote economic well-being and quality of life for our community by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Somerton economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Somerton within the State of Arizona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Anaya, Mayor of the City of Somerton, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2016 as

Economic Development Week.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Somerton, Arizona.

Jerry Anaya, Mayor
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tucson is part of the International Economic Development Council, celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, economic developers in Tucson promote economic well-being and quality of life for our community by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers help stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to establish the next generation of new businesses, a hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings, including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Tucson;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2016 to be

Economic Development Week

in this community, and encourage all our citizens to acknowledge and appreciate the work done by economic developers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2016.

Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor

ATTEST:

Roger Randolph, City Clerk
DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS
MAYOR

CITY OF
YUMA
ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

“Economic Development Week”
May 8 – May 14, 2016

WHEREAS: Yuma is part of the International Economic Development Council celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS: the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS: economic developers in the Yuma area promote economic well-being and quality of life for our community by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS: economic developers in the Yuma area stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS: the City of Yuma works with developers within the State of Arizona; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor of the City of Yuma, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 - 14, 2016 as

“Economic Development Week”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal of the City of Yuma, Arizona, this 3rd day of May 2016.

DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS, PE, RLS
Mayor
City of Yuma
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses and jobs which are the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Vista within the State of California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and members of the Vista City Council commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary and hereby proclaims the week of May 8th as “Economic Development Week”, and the year 2016 as:

“THE YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal this 10th day of May 2016

[Signatures of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilmembers]

05/10/2016
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Arvada and the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) are celebrating Economic Development Week May 8-14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council created Economic Development Week in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary and has recognized 2016 as "The Year of the Economic Developer"; and

WHEREAS, AEDA is the first internationally accredited economic development organization in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Arvada’s civic leaders and community members have come together and enhanced the City’s quality of life through economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arvada and AEDA promote economic well-being and quality of life for its community by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arvada promotes a vibrant and desirable community by making significant investments in the Arvada Center, a city-wide park system, Olde Town redevelopment and other projects for residents, businesses and visitors to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and members of the City Council that May 8-14, 2016, be celebrated as ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK and 2016 be recognized as "The Year of the Economic Developer."

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2016

[Signatures]

Marc Williams, Mayor

Bob Pifer, Mayor Pro Tem

Don Allard, Councilmember

Nancy Ford, Councilmember

David Jones, Councilmember

John Marriott, Councilmember

Mark McGoff, Councilmember
A Proclamation
by the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida

WHEREAS, “Economic Development Week” is an event created by the International Economic Development Council to celebrate the achievements generated through economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, economic development is the number one priority of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, who share a unified commitment to expand and diversify the tax base, attract new businesses, and create jobs for local residents; and

WHEREAS, success in economic development ensures St. Johns County’s long-term financial ability to provide ongoing quality services and infrastructure, promotes economic well-being, and preserves the quality of life for residential and corporate citizens; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County created an Office of Economic Development in 2011 to coordinate proactive economic development efforts involving local, regional, state and federal resource partners including the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce; St. Johns County Industrial Development Authority; University of North Florida Small Business Development Center; Northeast Florida Regional Airport; JAXUSA; Enterprise Florida; Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; and the U.S. Small Business Administration; among others, to achieve the above-stated goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has realized a nearly 70% increase in commercial building permits issued and added $345 million to the County tax base over the last three years, translating to an additional $2.4 million annually in county property taxes; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County’s economic development efforts have contributed to an increase of 16,000 residents being employed and 12,000 new jobs being created, and a decrease of 5.6% in the unemployment rate since 2011; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners supports this important endeavor, recognizes the investment the county has made in partnerships that strengthen our competitiveness, and commends all of the organizations for the positive impact their efforts have made in St. Johns County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, that May 8-14, 2016 be designated as

“Economic Development Week”

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 3rd day of May 2016.

Attest:

Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk of Courts

Jeb S. Smith, Chairman
WHEREAS the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th Anniversary and has proclaimed May 8th to 14th as National Economic Development Week; and

WHEREAS economic development is a process that is strengthened by the critical partnership between economic development professionals and local government leadership to promote a shared vision for developing vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS the public private partnership in Quincy and Adams County continues to further the economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by facilitating the creation and retention of high quality jobs and investment that stimulates growth, enhances wealth and provides for a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS economic developers cultivate and nurture entrepreneurship that helps to secure the next generation of new businesses, working in partnership with industries, brokers, educators and other key allies to foster an effective business climate and meet the increasingly critical need for a skilled and competitive workforce; and

WHEREAS the Great River Economic Development Foundation has worked for more than 25 years on behalf of Quincy, Adams County and the Tri-State region to advance shared economic development goals and strategies in the region; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kyle A. Moore do hereby proclaim May 8-14 2016, as

Great River Economic Development Foundation Week

In the City of Quincy and I urge all our citizens to join with me in thanking GREDF for everything they do for this region.

[Signature]
Mayor
Jefferson Parish Council

On motion of **Ms. Lee-Sheng**, seconded by __________, the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION NO.**
A resolution declaring 2016 as the “Year of the Economic Developer” in celebration of International Economic Development Council’s 90th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary as the premier economic professional organization in North America in 2016 and has asked partner organizations to designate 2016 as the “Year of the Economic Developer;” and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Council recognizes the community’s economic success is due to its commitment to a viable economic development program through the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO), which recently achieved Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) status once again in 2015, a prestigious designation held by only 46 organizations in North America and one that JEDCO has held since 2008; and

WHEREAS, JEDCO positively impacts the Jefferson Parish business climate through the attraction of new businesses and retention of existing businesses in the community and oversees the creation and implementation of the Jefferson EDGE 2020, the Parish’s long-term economic development strategic plan to promote investment, job creation and sustainability in the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Parish:

**SECTION 1.** That Jefferson Parish hereby declares that 2016 as the “Year of the Economic Developer” in Jefferson Parish and joins the International Economic Development Council in celebrating Economic Development Week May 8-14, 2016, in recognition of the importance of this profession in creating jobs and investment in the community.

**SECTION 2.** The Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, authorizes and directs that an appropriate copy of this resolution be sent to the International Economic Development Council.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the 11th day of May, 2016.

**COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN**

**PARISH PRESIDENT**
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Economic Development promotes economic well-being and quality of life in a community; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit membership organization and the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers. It provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members and partners through conferences, advisory resources and research, training courses, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program, and Certified economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM C. JORS, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Michigan, by virtue of the power vested in me under the Charter of the City, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2016, as:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the City of Jackson and encourage all citizens to recognize and commend those who are committed to the development of vibrant communities and the improvement of the quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Jackson, Michigan, to be affixed this 10th day of May, 2016.

William C. Jors, Mayor
City of Bay City
Proclamation

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

Whereas, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

Whereas, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

Whereas, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

Whereas, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

Whereas, economic developers work in the City of Bay City within the State of Michigan,

Now, Therefore, I, Kathleen Newsham, Mayor of the City of Bay City, do hereby proclaim May 8th – May 14th, 2016, as

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in Bay City and commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary, as well as Bay Future, Inc., and recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer”.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bay City to be affixed this 2nd day of May in the year of Our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Kathleen Newsham, Mayor
CITY OF BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, The International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, The International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, The International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization Program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, Economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, Economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, Economic developers work in the County of Bay within the State of Michigan; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners, along with the Bay County Executive, do hereby commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary and hereby recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer” in the County of Bay and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in advancing career opportunities and improving quality of life; Be It Further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution forwarded to Bay Future, Inc. and the International Economic Development Council.

ERNEST KRYGER, CHAIRMAN
TOM HICKNER, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, COUNTY CLERK

Proclamation: Bay County, Michigan
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK
Year of the Economic Developer
May 8-14, 2016

Recognizing 2016 as the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and as “The Year of the Economic Developer.”

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the County of Midland within the State of Michigan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midland County Board of Commissioners do hereby commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary; and recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer” in the County of Midland and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in advancing career opportunities and improving quality of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland County Clerk transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Midland Tomorrow and the International Economic Development Council.

Attested by:

Mark Bong, Chair
Midland County Board of Commissioners

Ann Manary, Midland County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

Dated: April 19, 2016
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council, the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

THEREFORE, we the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Midland, Michigan, do hereby designate the week of May 8-14, 2016 as

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

and commend the International Economic Development Council, its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary; and recognize 2016 as

THE YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

in the City of Midland and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

Issued by Council Authorization
Given Monday, May 9, 2016

Marty Wazinski, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:
SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION 106 - 2016

Introduced by Supervisors Johnson, Daly, DeLucia, Lawler, Lent, Richardson, and Wood

DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 8 – 14, 2016 AS “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK” IN SARATOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership promotes economic well-being and quality of life for our communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership stimulates and incubates entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership is engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership attracts and retains high-quality jobs, develops vibrant communities, and improves the quality of life in our region; and

WHEREAS, ”Economic Development Week” is an event created by the International Economic Development Council to celebrate economic development and to educate local communities on economic development projects in their region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Saratoga County of Board of Supervisors hereby declares the week of May 8-14, 2016 as “Economic Development Week” in the County of Saratoga, and reminds Saratoga County residents of the importance of the economic development profession in advancing career opportunities and improving the quality of life in Saratoga County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors further commends the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership and its officers and staff for their hard work and dedication in promoting economic development projects and sustaining economic development activities in Saratoga County; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

STATE OF NEW YORK )
) COUNTY OF SARATOGA

I, Pamela A. Wright, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Saratoga County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and the whole thereof, of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, on the 19th day of April 2016. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed hereto the official seal of said Board of Supervisors this 20th day of April 2016.

Pamela A. Wright
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Saratoga County, New York

Resolution: Saratoga County, New York
Economic Development Week 2016

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership promotes economic well-being and quality of life for our communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership stimulates and incubates entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership is engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership attracts and retains high-quality jobs, develops vibrant communities, and improves the quality of life in our region; and

WHEREAS, that city of Saratoga Springs further commends the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership and its officers and staff for their hard work and dedication in promoting economic development projects and sustaining economic development activities in Saratoga County; and,

WHEREAS, “Economic Development Week” is an event created by the International Economic Development Council to celebrate economic development and to educate local communities on economic development projects in their region; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOANNE D. YEPSEN, Mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, am pleased to join with my fellow Saratogians, declare the week of May 8-14, 2016 as “Economic Development Week” in the City of Saratoga Springs, and reminds Saratoga Springs residents of the importance of the economic development profession in advancing career opportunities and improving the quality of life in Saratoga Springs.

Dated: May 3, 2016

JOANNE D. YEPSEN
Mayor
RESOLUTION NO. RL014

SPONSORS: Mary Ann Ohms, Tom Besselman, Laurie Feldman, Mary West, John Hanneke, Dave Beckering, Rod Herrmann, Ron Stivison, Bridget Ohmes

A Resolution Declaring the City of St. Charles, Missouri Recognizes 2016 as the “Year of the Economic Developer” as requested by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC)

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Association (IEDC) is celebrating its 90th year as the premier professional organization in 2016; and

WHEREAS, IEDC has designated May 8-14, 2016 as “Economic Development Week”; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work with industries, brokers, and other key allies to produce the proper business climate that will result in the creation of high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, the economic development profession recognizes its role in a region’s long term success by addressing issues vital to businesses such as workforce availability, training, international trade, direct foreign investment, incentives and reduced cost of operations; and

WHEREAS, The City recognizes it is a vital part of the region’s success due to its commitment to a viable economic development program and strong partnership with other communities in St. Charles County and the EDC of St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Charles’ Economic Development Department achieved the designation of Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) in 2014, a distinction held by only three organizations in Missouri and 46 organizations in North America; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Economic Development Department is one of the few in the nation that not only is a recognized AEDO, but also has staff that has earned the special designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) and Fellow Member (FM) by the International Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, IEDC has asked member organizations, partners and allies to celebrate the industry by designating 2016 as the “Year of the Economic Developer”; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of St. Charles, Missouri recognizes 2016 as the “Year of the Economic Developer” as prescribed by the International Economic Development Council.


Section 3. The City Council and Mayor recognize the importance of this profession in creating investment opportunities and improving quality of life.

Section 4. The City Council authorizes and directs that an appropriate copy of this resolution be sent to the International Economic Development Council.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council.

[Signature]
Mary Ann Ohms, Presiding Officer

[Signature]
Sally A. Faith, Mayor

[Signature]
Michael J. Valenti, City Attorney

[Signature]
City Clerk

April 5, 2016

[Date]

[Date]

[Date]

Resolution: City of St. Charles, Missouri
The Clinton County Port Authority (the "Port Authority") met in regular session on May 12, 2016. The Chair of the Port Authority advised the Port Authority that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules adopted by the Port Authority pursuant thereto were complied with for such meeting.

Mr. Probasco moved for the adoption of the following resolution and Ms. Ellis seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 2016-05-08

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 2016 AS THE "YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER" AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (IEDC) FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORLD-WIDE

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is celebrating its 90th year as the premier professional organization for economic development; and

WHEREAS, IEDC has designated May 8 – 14, 2016 as "Economic Development Week"; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work with numerous and diverse industries, brokers, workforce developers, educators, and other strategic partners to facilitate the creation of business climates that will enable the creation and retention of high-quality job opportunities, enhancing the quality of life in their respective communities and regions; and

WHEREAS, the economic development profession recognizes that practitioners can contribute to a community and region's long term success involves addressing issues essential to businesses such as workforce availability and training, international trade, critical infrastructure, and competitive costs of operations; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority recognizes its role in Clinton County's economic development efforts through its ownership and development of the Wilmington Air Park and its on-going partnership with many strategic partners including the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, Clinton County Business and Economic Development Department, Wilmington-Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, Southern State Community College, Wilmington College, the Clinton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Dayton Development Council, JobOhio, and the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority is proud of, and grateful for, the private sector tenants at the Wilmington Air Park that have created and retained over 1,300 job opportunities at the Air Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Port Authority's Board of Directors (the "Board") recognizes 2016 as the "Year of the Economic Developer" as designated by the International Economic Development Council, and joins with the International Economic Development Council in celebrating "Economic Development Week" from May 8 – 14, 2016, acknowledging the contributions of the many partners and private sector employers within the Wilmington Air Park and throughout Clinton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clinton County Port Authority Board of Directors recognizes and applauds the efforts of the International Economic Development Council to advance the level of professionalism throughout the economic development discipline, and enhance economic development opportunities worldwide.

All formal actions of this Board relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in these formal actions, were at meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

This Board ratifies, confirms and approves any and all acts and deeds taken by any Officer or member of the Board of Directors before the adoption of this Resolution in connection with this Resolution.

Open roll call on the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Rowsey Yes Mr. Smith Yes
Mr. Laske Yes Mr. Ellis Yes
Ms. LaPointe Yes Mr. Probasco Yes
Mr. Thompson Excused

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Clinton County Port Authority at its regular meeting held on May 12, 2016. This action was taken in full compliance with section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Walt Rowsey, Chair
Clinton County Port Authority, Ohio
May 12, 2016

Larry Laske, Secretary/Fiscal Officer
Clinton County Port Authority, Ohio
May 12, 2016
May 5, 2016
PROCLAIMING MAY 8-14, 2016
AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with legal applications, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016 as "The Year of the Economic Developer"; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority was created by the Lake County Board of Commissioners in 2007 to promote projects that will provide for the creation of jobs and employment opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the people residing in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers in Lake County, Ohio attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary, acknowledge the economic development work of the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority on behalf of the residents of all of Lake County, Ohio, and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in advancing career opportunities and improving quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Lake County Commissioners is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority and the International Economic Development Council.

KEVIN D. MALECK
JUDY MORAN
DANIEL P. TROY
Resolution


WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council, the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, provide a stable tax base, stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, a variety of other institutions; attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, improve the quality of life in their regions; work in the City of Youngstown and within the State of Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners do hereby commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary, and recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer”.

It was moved by Mr. David Ditzler and seconded by Mr. Anthony Traficanti, that the foregoing Resolution be approved this 4th day of May, 2016.

Roll call voting resulted: Mr. Ditzler: aye
                          Mrs. Rimedio-Righetti: aye
                          Mr. Traficanti: aye

WHEREUPON, the President of the Board declared the foregoing Resolution be duly adopted this 4th day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

NANCY M. LABOY
Clerk of the Board

CAROL RIMEDIO-RIGHETTI, President

DAVID C. DITZLER, Vice President

ANTHONY T. TRAFICANTI, Commissioner
Resolution of
Proclamation
Board of County Commissioners
Medina County, Ohio

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners of Medina County, Ohio, met in regular session on this date with the
following members present:

ADAM FRIEDRICK    TIMOTHY C. SMITH    PATRICIA G. GEISSMAN

Mr. Smith offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of same, which was duly seconded by
Mrs. Geissman.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-0316
PROCLAMING MAY 8-14, 2016 AS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, 2016 is being recognized as the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development
Council’s “Year of the Economic Developer”; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development
organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic
development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and
research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic
Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by
creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next
generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state,
and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other
institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve
the quality of life in their regions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Medina County, Ohio, hereby
proclaims May 8-14, 2016 as Economic Development Week and commends the International Economic
Development Council on its 90th anniversary.

Voting AYE thereon: Mr. Friedrick, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Geissman

Adopted: April 12, 2016

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
We have hereunto subscribed our names and caused this
seal to be affixed at Medina this 12th day of April in the
year of our Lord, Two thousand sixteen.

Adam Friedrick

Timothy C. Smith

Patricia G. Geissman

Proclamation: Medina County, Ohio
City of Medina
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and,

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and,

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and,

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dennis Hanwell, Mayor of the City of Medina, do hereby proclaim May 8 – 14, 2016 as “Economic Development Week” in the City of Medina and commend the International Economic Development Council on their 90th anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Medina to be affixed hereto this 15th day of April, year 2016.

Dennis Hanwell
Mayor
Board of Richland County Commissioners

Proclamation

2016 YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK
MAY 8 – 14, 2016

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016, and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers, and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation, and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base, and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurs in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy, and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions, and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE RICHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hereby commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff and members on its 90th anniversary and recognize 2016 as "The Year of the Economic Developer," and May 8 – 14, 2016 as Economic Development Week in Richland County, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the seal to be affixed this 3rd day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.

Marilyn S. John
Gary Utt, Sr.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council has declared May 8 - 14, 2016 as Economic Development Week, held to celebrate achievements within the profession and highlights the importance and value of economic development throughout our communities, and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest organization serving economic developers and its members represent the entire range of economic development experience, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights actively promotes economic development to enhance the well-being and quality of life for the community, and

WHEREAS, community economic development facilitates growth, expands jobs and provides a stable tax base, and

WHEREAS, stimulating and incubating entrepreneurs and new businesses sets a platform for future success of individuals and the community, and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and thus improve the quality of life for all residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, City Council and I, Earl M. Leiken, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio, do hereby recognize the International Economic Development Council and Economic Development Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shaker Heights to be affixed this 8th day of May in the year two thousand sixteen.

Earl M. Leiken, Mayor
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

WHEREAS, 2016 is the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and is being recognized as “The year of the Economic Developer”; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American Economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Solon within the State of Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Solon do hereby recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer” and May 8–14, 2016 as Economic Development Week in the City of Solon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Solon shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Greater Cleveland Partnership for appropriate distribution.

Passed: May 2, 2016

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council
Resolution
By
Board of Trumbull County Commissioners

PROCLAIM WEEK OF MAY 8 THROUGH MAY 14, 2016
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

The Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, met in Regular Session this 27th day of April, 2016, in the office of said Board, with the following members present:

Mauro Cantalamessa, President
Frank S. Foda, Commissioner
Daniel E. Polivka, Commissioner

MOTION: Made by Mr. Polivka, seconded by Mr. Foda, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization Program and the Certified Economic Developer Designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life of their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of May 8 through May 14, 2016 as ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK in Trumbull County, Ohio, and commends the International Development Council on its 90th Anniversary.

ROLL CALL on the adoption of the Resolution resulted as follows:

Daniel E. Polivka, YEA
Frank S. Foda, YEA
Mauro Cantalamessa, YEA

ADOPTED: April 27, 2016

BOARD OF TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mauro Cantalamessa
President

Frank S. Foda
Commissioner

Daniel E. Polivka
Commissioner

ATTEST:
Paullette A. Godfrey, Clerk
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Resolution: Trumbull County, Ohio
Proclamation

Whereas: The International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016 and is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

Whereas: The International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research; and

Whereas: Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base; and

Whereas: Economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Robin L. Laubach, deem it a pleasure to proclaim

May 8 – 14, 2016

to be set aside and observed as

Economic Development Week

in the City of Wadsworth, encouraging all of our citizens to recognize and commend those who are committed to the development of vibrant communities and the improvement of the quality of life.

Signed and Sealed this third day of May, 2016.

Robin L. Laubach
Mayor of Wadsworth, Ohio
WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to servicing economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warrensville Heights, Ohio do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2016 as Economic Development Week and commends the International Economic Development Council on its 90th anniversary.
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Wayne County Commissioners, that we hereby recognize May 8th - 14th, 2016 as Economic Development Week and commend the International Economic Development Council on its 90th anniversary.

Jim Carmichael  Ann M. Obrecht  Scott S. Wingam
Wayne County Commissioners
Seguin Proclamation for Economic Development Week
Year of the Economic Developer - #YearofEconDev
May 8-14, 2016

Recognizing 2016 as the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and as “The Year of the Economic Developer,”

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Seguin within the State of Texas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DON KEIL, Mayor of the City of Seguin do hereby commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary and recognize 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer” as we proclaim the week of May 8-14, 2016 as

“ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

In the City of Seguin and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I unto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Seguin to be hereunto affixed in on this 12th day of May, 2016.

[Signature]
Don Keil, Mayor

SEGUIN
TEXAS

Proclamation: City of Seguin, Texas
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF CHIPEWÁ COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND TO DECLARE MAY 8-14, 2016 AS CHIPEWÁ COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND 2016 THE YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

WHEREAS, Chippewa County, Wisconsin has long been a hub of innovation, ideas and an avid supporter of local economic development; and
WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Economic Development Committee has been working on economic development initiatives with federal, state, and local economic development professionals since the Committee's formation; and
WHEREAS, economic development professionals such as the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation provide leadership and excellence in economic development for Chippewa County and its communities, their members, and partners through marketing, business retention services, business attraction programs, networking conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, public policy advocacy, and other initiatives to improve the Chippewa County economy; and
WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council, the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers, has proclaimed 2016 the Year of The Economic Developer and designated the week of May 8-14, 2016 as Local Economic Development Week; and
WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2016; and
WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation is celebrating its 23rd anniversary in 2016; and
WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation has designated the week of May 8-14, 2016 as Local Economic Development Week, and is hosting its annual meeting on May 20, 2016 at 7:00 a.m., to acknowledge the economic development efforts within Chippewa County; and
WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for Chippewa County communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that fuel local growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and
WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and
WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and
WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their area; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

DECLARE: Chippewa County, Wisconsin welcoming and supportive of local entrepreneurship.

DECLARE: Chippewa County, Wisconsin is open to business and for business.

DECLARE: May 8-14, 2016 as “Chippewa County Local Economic Development Week”.

COMMEND: Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation and the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on their respective anniversaries.

RECOGNIZE: 2016 as “The Year of the Economic Developer”.

REMAIND: Citizens of the importance of this profession in advancing career opportunities and improving quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation and the International Economic Development Council.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact by passage of this resolution.

RESULT: ADOPTED [44 TO 1]

MOVED: Scott Kuykendall, District 10
SECONDER: Jason Bengston, District 6
AYES: Albardor, Mukwengas, Steele, Shikinski, Hartman, Zweifelhofer, Thornton, Bergeron, Gruenwedel, Gehrke, Ivan, Hart, Hull, Damon
NOES: Lawrence J. Williams

History:
03/03/16 Executive Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Approved as to Form:

James R. Sherman

Resolution: Chippewa County, Wisconsin
News Articles, Blogs and Other Media Mentions

Through the creation of an Economic Development Week Celebration Guide, communities were encouraged to collaborate with press outlets, local reporters, and even bloggers to help increase awareness for the campaign.
Economic Development Week Celebrated

By Staff Reports

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Hot Springs Metro Partnership and The Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce have joined the International Economic Development Council and others in celebrating Economic Development Week, according to a news release from the chamber.

Economic Development Week, May 8-14, was created by The International Economic Development Council in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers, the chamber said.

Last week, in recognition of the celebration, the Hot Springs City Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution declaring this week as “Economic Development Week in Hot Springs.” Hot Springs Mayor Ruth Carney presented a copy of the resolution to Megan Greeson from the Hot Springs Metro Partnership.

Nationwide and locally in Hot Springs, economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents and facilitating an improved quality of life. The industry remains as complex, challenging and rewarding as ever, the chamber release said.

Economic development efforts are being showcased this week nationally. In addition, Hot Springs Metro Partnership will highlight local economic development efforts. Members of Congress are also emphasizing the work of the nation’s economic developers through special resolutions published in the Congressional Record, the release said.

Barry Matherly, chairman of the International Economic Development Council and president of the Greater Richmond Partnership, said, “We are so pleased that Hot Springs and Garland County are helping to celebrate the profession and the professionals that work hard to create opportunity for all citizens and their communities.”

The Hot Springs Metro Partnership is a public-private partnership funded by the city of Hot Springs and Garland County along with 85 private investors.

“Our mission is to work with existing, primary employers as well as newly recruited employers to add new jobs and new capital investment growth to the region. We do this with a volunteer board of directors, two full-time and three shared staff who maintain an office in The Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce offices here in Hot Springs,” according to the release.

Megan Greeson, Economic Development Manager for the Hot Springs Metro Partnership received a proclamation from Hot Springs Mayor Ruth Carney celebrating Economic Development Week!
Anchorage Participates In Economic Development Week

Maria Athens | May 11, 2016

Anchorage, AK- The International Economic Development Council, the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation and Mayor Ethan Berkowitz convened today, to discuss economic development opportunities in the Last Frontier.

As International Economic Development Council President & CEO Jeffrey Finkle described, “You’re a great hub for international planes; you have the opportunity to make a bigger logistics center out of your airport. Are there different types of products, services, manufacturing goods, that can be exported, using Alaska as a hub? I think those are some of the questions that obviously, people far smarter than me have been thinking about here in Alaska for a long time. In this tough economic climate right now, those are some of the questions that need to be dealt with.”

This week marks Economic Development Week, which showcases the achievements of economic developers across the nation. Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz added, “Anchorage is in a great position, given what’s happening with the Arctic opening up, with the talent pool that we have here, because we speak so many languages, because we come from so many different places. We are going to be more of a trade hub than we have been in the past. It’s worth noting that today, Anchorage Airport became the fourth largest cargo airport in the world. We are already a trade hub and there is just more potential ahead of us.”

A new program was announced, that focuses on helping the 49th state’s entrepreneurs. Anchorage Economic Development Corporation President & CEO Bill Popp stated, “It’s part of our Where to Start Up video series. We already have eight of these first-person interviews; people who have helped develop business plans, do financing, help with the troubles, trials and tribulations of starting a new business, and entrepreneurs who have been there, done that, who have been both successful and have failed in their efforts to startup a new business. We are adding ten more first-person interviews and we will begin the filming of those next week. This is absolutely free to anybody who wants to use these videos.”
May 8 to 14 has been designated as the first-ever national Economic Development Week, a way to draw attention to the role economic development plays in making our communities better places to live and work. Exactly what economic development is and does can be difficult to grasp — and often controversial when it comes to funding such activities, since much of what we do is behind the scenes and the services we provide are confidential.

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) notes that the main goal of economic development is improving the economic well-being of a community through efforts that entail job creation, job retention, tax base enhancements and quality of life. How those goals are focused on and accomplished differ in each community.

At Midland Tomorrow, the economic development agency for Midland County, we focus on both attraction and retention. On the attraction side, we promote our county, its businesses and available sites by maintaining a strong online presence, sending information to site selectors and participating in tours that bring those people to our community, and submitting appropriate properties to requests for proposals (RFPs) from the state or other sources. In 2015, we submitted approximately 25 RFPs and have already submitted a half dozen this year.

Experts in the economic development field estimate that 90 percent of location decisions now start online, so it’s important to have a solid internet presence. Last year, Midland Tomorrow revamped its website, making it easier for visitors to find the information they need, including available properties, demographics and quality of life information. We also increased our social media presence with regular postings of business and community information.

Even with your best foot forward, a community’s chances of luring a business that will bring hundreds of new jobs is low, especially when you’re competing with communities nationwide and even worldwide. That’s why economic development focuses just as much, if not more, on helping local businesses start up, retain jobs and grow.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, analysis of data from the National Establishment Time Series (NETS) shows that 87 percent of jobs come from start-ups and expanding businesses already within a state. And, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) estimates that small businesses provided 55 percent of all jobs and 66 percent of all net new jobs since the 1970s.

At Midland Tomorrow, we interact with local businesses of all sizes and stages on a regular basis — through retention visits where we “check in” to see what needs they may have, and when directly requested by business owners. Look for an article in the Midland Daily News later this week on some of the businesses we have assisted.

Needless to say, economic development is not accomplished in a vacuum. It requires cooperation and the efforts of local government and numerous partner agencies. Midland Tomorrow works with the city and county, plus various partners — most notably our new affiliation with the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce as the Midland Business Alliance. Other partners include the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC), Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, MichiganWorks!, Momentum Midland and MidMichigan Innovation Center. We all bring different strengths to the table, and we complement rather than duplicate each other’s efforts.

The biggest professional hurdle for economic development professionals is awareness. We want the community to know we are here to help. If you own a business in Midland County and are even just starting to think about an expansion, or have an employment need, or are looking for financial assistance, potential sites or start-up resources, please contact us. The earlier in the process you are, typically the more assistance we can offer.

Visit our website, www.midlandtomorrow.org for information or call us at (989) 839-0340. Our offices are at 300 Rodd St., downtown Midland. Happy Economic Development Week!

Becky Church is the vice president of operations at Midland Tomorrow, and has been with the organization for 13 years.
This week, JEDCO joins thousands of economic development organizations around the country and internationally in celebration of Economic Development Week. The economic development industry has had a major impact all over the world. Economic developers help to create jobs and investment, attracting new businesses and identifying creative ways to retain the companies already in their communities.

This year, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) reached its 90th anniversary! That’s a big deal in the economic development world. This milestone compelled IEDC to name 2016 the “Year of the Economic Developer.” We can absolutely get behind that!

JEDCO has supported our local businesses for 29 years! We achieved Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) status once again in 2015. JEDCO has held this prestigious designation since 2008, a recognition shared by only 46 economic development organizations in North America. Our organization spearheaded the development of the Jefferson EDGE 2020, the Parish’s long-term economic development strategic plan, and we regularly work with our local businesses to ensure they have all the tools they need to grow and find success. We are proud of the work we do and honored that we get to serve our local community regularly.

How did we celebrate?

On Wednesday, the Jefferson Parish Council issued a proclamation recognizing this year as the “Year of the Economic Developer” and highlighting JEDCO’s many achievements.

Jerry Bologna, our President and CEO, received a 2016 Merit Award from the Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) for Excellence in Government. Jerry has been with the organization since 2000, serving JEDCO in a number of capacities. He has been our President/CEO since 2013. Jerry was recognized at the BGR luncheon on Thursday. See the full list of award winners here.

FreshCane, our 2016 JEDCO Challenge winner, was recognized at the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce's Business Leadership Awards Luncheon. JEDCO places an emphasis on entrepreneurship and always looks for new ways to elevate opportunities for our local startups.

Kate Moreano, our Economic Development Manager, graduated from the Leadership Jefferson Class of 2016 last night. Leadership Jefferson is a nine-month program designed to develop a diverse network of dedicated business and community leaders. Many of JEDCO’s employees have gone through this program, including Jerry Bologna (President/CEO), Lacey Bordelon (Vice President), Alberto Queral (Director of Finance), and Kelsey Scram (Marketing & PR Manager).

We are so proud of our team here at JEDCO and we look forward to serving you, our businesses, for many years to come!
ED Proclamation

Shown from left are Jackson County Commissioner Jerry Hall, Economic Development Specialist Sam Brady, Economic Development Director Jennifer Jacobs, and commissioners Edmund Armstrong and Paul Haller.

The proclamation continued, “The economic development profession recognizes its role in a region’s long term success by addressing issues vital to businesses such as workforce availability, training, international trade, direct foreign investment, incentives and reduced cost of operations.”

“In recognition of their vital part in the region’s success due to their commitment and strong partnership with the communities and businesses in the county,” the proclamation continued, “The IEDC has asked member organizations, partners, and allies to celebrate the economic development industry by declaring a week which draws attention to their input to the community.”

As part of the celebration, on Friday, May 13, the public is invited to a special event at Holzer Medical Center-Jackson for a special announcement and update of recent economic development successes.

Anyone interested in attending should RSVP Sam Brady at sam@jcedb.com no later than Monday, May 9.
The International Economic Development Council is celebrating the “Year of the Economic Developer” for its 90th anniversary, and has marked May 8 to May 14 as Economic Development Week.

Locally, the proclamation has been made by the state, Yuma County, and institutions like the Arizona Commerce Authority and the Arizona Association of Economic Development.

“It’s a public statement that you support and embrace economic development,” said Julie Engel, president and CEO of the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC).

Engel said GYEDC’s focus is on continued agricultural growth in the county. Since they have limited resources, she said a majority of their assets go toward food production development projects.

Agribusiness is Yuma County’s largest industry, by far, bringing in $3.2 billion annually — more than one-third of Arizona’s total agriculture industry, according to the Yuma Visitors Bureau.

Project development in other major target sectors, like military and tourism, are also on the GYEDC agenda.

The overall goal is to simply grow the Yuma area economy.

“Education continues to be the foundation for that,” said Engel, who added that having a skilled workforce is integral to a strong economy.

GYEDC has a short-term goal of maintaining and attracting existing projects, Engel said. Their long-term goal is to develop and strengthen businesses in the Yuma area, especially in agriculture, making the case that Yuma County is the best place to grow — literally.

GYEDC will hold its quarterly investor luncheon on May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pivot Point Conference Center, 310 N. Madison Ave., coinciding with Economic Development Week.
(ROCKWALL, TX – May 3, 2016) The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation is celebrating 20 years of bolstering the development, expansion and relocation of new and existing businesses to Rockwall.

In an effort to recognize and congratulate new companies that are coming to town and existing enterprises that are expanding, the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation (REDC) will be hosting Economic Development Insight, both in print and online at BlueRibbonNews.com. We hope this column will give community members a better understanding of who we are, what our role is in the community and how we help the citizens of Rockwall maintain lower taxes.

The REDC was formed in 1996, after the citizens of Rockwall adopted a half-cent sales tax for economic development. REDC is a Type-A EDC, which means that the half-cent sales tax is primarily used for manufacturing, industrial, site development and infrastructure for destination development. Additionally, REDC uses this money for land acquisition and offer incentives to corporations and headquarters that relocate to Rockwall.

“IT’s exciting to see what the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation has accomplished in the last 20 years,” said REDC president and CEO Sheri Franza. “Rockwall’s planned growth has been exponential and has redefined our city as a true destination for business, entertainment and residential expansion. There are many exciting future projects on the horizon for Rockwall, and I look forward to working with the REDC to bring those to fruition for the benefit of those who call Rockwall home.”

The REDC creates long-term success for businesses that move here by offering unlimited expansion potential. To effectively compete for economic development, the REDC provides ready assets and demonstrates the distinct advantages that make doing business in Rockwall uniquely valuable.

At the state level, the REDC works with the Governor’s office to attract businesses to Rockwall. REDC is a member of several industry organizations that are dedicated to attracting economic growth to the great state of Texas, such as the Texas Economic Development Corporation, International Council of Shopping Centers, National Association for Industrial and Office Parks, Team Texas, Texas One, North Texas Council Area Realtors and the International Economic Development Council.

The REDC collaborates with the City of Rockwall and Rockwall County, allowing businesses to fast track the construction process, which leaves them with a positive experience – knowing that it’s easy to do business in Rockwall. The REDC also partners with Collin College, Richland College, Workforce Solutions of Texas and Rockwall ISD, ensuring that a skilled and ready workforce is readily available.

Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt said, “The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation has been a driving force for development over the last 20 years. Partnerships between the EDC, City of Rockwall and Rockwall ISD are invaluable and are responsible for our success in attracting quality corporations.”

The REDC looks forward to sharing more insight with you in future issues. Please visit our website rockwalledc.com for more information.

Submitted by the Rockwall EDC. Got comments or questions you’d like to see addressed in the the REDC’s next column? Email editor@BlueRibbonNews.com.
EVANS — Next week, Evans will celebrate Economic Development Week, seven days of national recognition for economic developers who generate growth, create better jobs for residents and facilitate an improved quality of life.

The International Economic Development Council in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary created economic Development Week, which is May 8-14 this year.

The council is the largest professional membership organization for economic development.

Members of Congress also are highlighting the work of the nation’s economic developers through special resolutions that are appearing in the Congressional Record.

“Economic development in the city of Evans would not be possible without our partners including the Small Business Development Center, Upstate Colorado, our local business owners and our Chambers of Commerce. We want to thank them for everything they continue to do in support of economic development,” Mayor John Morris said.

The city of Evans has several programs within the Economic Development Department including the Farmer’s Market, the Shop in Evans program, business incentives, the Spotlight Awards Dinner, and outreach programs and support for business owners, the release stated. For more information, contact Sheryl Trent strent@evanscolorado.gov or view the website www.evanscolorado.gov for more information.

City of Evans Celebrates Economic Development Week

The City of Evans celebrates Economic Development Week from May 8-14. Economic Development Week was created by The International Economic Development Council in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

Economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents and facilitating an improved quality of life. The industry remains as complex, challenging and rewarding as ever.

The economic development efforts provided by economic developers are being showcased this week nationally. Members of Congress are also highlighting the work of our nation’s economic developers through special resolutions that are appearing in the Congressional Record.

Barry Matherly, the Chair of the International Economic Development Council and the President of the Greater Richmond Partnership said, “We are so pleased that the City of Evans is helping to celebrate the profession and the professionals that work hard to create opportunity for all citizens and their communities.”

The City of Evans and the State of Colorado have also recognized the week of May 2 – 6 as Small Business Week to recognize their contribution to our state and our city’s prosperity and for reflecting the true entrepreneurial spirit of Colorado.

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The IEDC provides professional development services, advisory services, analysis of economic development related policy, and advocating on behalf of economic development efforts. They are the foremost organization of this kind.

When the IEDC announced that 2016 was the “Year of the Economic Developer,” to coincide with its 90th anniversary, professionals in the field paid attention. The prestige of the organization and rarity of such proclamations lent weight to the designation. The week of May 8 through May 14, furthermore, has been named “Economic Development Week.”

According to IEDC, the aim for Economic Development Week is to “celebrate achievements within the economic development profession.” As such, Development Chenango will be using this week as an opportunity to promote available services to the county, gather feedback from Chenango County residents, and hear what else people think can be done to help.

Development Chenango says 2016 is as good a time as any to start a new business; and for those who have an idea in mind, there are plenty of resources to get started in Chenango County. Development Chenango has low interest loans to assist small businesses and farmers looking to expand. It can guide people through the application process for a state grant (New York’s 2016 Consolidated Funding Application Available Resources were released recently).

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If you would like to participate in this program, please review the program guidelines and complete and submit the Commercial Façade Improvement Application to the City of Hyattsville. All applications are due by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. For more information, please call the Department of Community & Economic Development at (301) 985-5000.

Economic Development Week is an event created by the International Economic Development Council to celebrate the achievements of economic developers and celebrate IEDC’s 90th anniversary. The event will occur for the first time May 8-14, 2016.

Beginning today, professionals across the country are celebrating Economic Development Week. Here, in the Richmond region, we celebrate economic development every time a new company announces RVA as its new home — or every time a business expands, adding jobs to our community.

We do not recognize as often, however, those local professionals representing organizations which help recruit companies to the area.

Economic developers’ charge is to generate economic growth, creating better-paying jobs for residents and, thereby, facilitating prosperity in our lives. The industry remains as complex, as challenging, yet as rewarding as ever.

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In my second term as chair of the Greater Richmond Partnership’s board, I have seen firsthand how tirelessly these men and women work to recruit companies to our community:

• Greater Richmond Partnership (GRP), the region’s economic development group, scheduled more than 50 recruiting trips this fiscal year (nearly one for every week of the year). The team travels around the globe striving to generate leads and encourage investment in our region.

• Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and the city of Richmond’s local economic development offices work with companies to improve the business climate and to advise firms on amenities and infrastructure.

• Together, these professionals are assisted by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, which works for every citizen in the commonwealth. Many of VEDP’s employees live right here in the Richmond Region.

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You may say, “How does the work of these organizations really impact me?” It does so by helping to create jobs for our region, thereby increasing our tax base for government services and infrastructure.

When you take your children to school in the morning, that public school benefited from local corporate taxes. And, the company where you work — where did that firm originate? It might just be a company that was recruited to RVA by the economic development professionals — those men and women we are recognizing this week.

If you work for Altria, Amazon, Brink’s, Capital One, or Elephant Auto Insurance, then you should know that these firms wouldn’t be in the Richmond Region without the work provided by the Greater Richmond Partnership and its partners.

Our community’s prosperity depends upon these diligent, hard-working individuals — for they are the bearers of business growth and job opportunities for our region.
Cayuga County is celebrating Economic Development Week from May 8 through May 14. Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

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Your local economic developers at the Cayuga Economic Development Agency are celebrating Economic Development Week with the launch of a new website, cayugaeda.org. The new format makes it easier to find information about starting, growing or locating a business in Cayuga County. Some highlights include the News and Projects pages. In the past, projects were reported annually, but now they will be posted as they become available to the public. It’s important for the community to know what CEDA does to create jobs, grow our economy and create a sustainable quality of life. For example, in 2015, CEDA’s services resulted in the creation of 118 new jobs, the retention of 115 jobs and capital investments of $28.8 million.

The Featured Sites portion of the website has been simplified to focus on key (large) properties for business attraction. CEDA works with businesses of all sizes, so while the smaller manufacturing, office or retail spaces may not be listed online, they are still tracked within an internal database and shared with those looking to start or relocate a business. If you have a space available, make sure it’s listed with CEDA. The website now has a contact form with the goal of engaging individuals and businesses to provide direct personal assistance.

In honor of Economic Development Week, here’s a little of what we’ve been up to:

- As CEDA’s Business Development Specialist, I work on business attraction, which means bringing in new businesses that are opening a new location or relocating. At the moment, the most noticeable attraction project is Grober Nutrition. This 60,000-square-foot manufacturing facility is being built to the east of Cayuga Milk Ingredients within the Cayuga County Industrial Park. Grober will be taking the milk permeate byproduct from CMI, blending it with other fats and further processing it to make milk replacer for small animals, predominantly dairy calves. Their first phase of operations is expected to begin in September with the second phase ramping up in early 2017, creating 34 new jobs over the first three years.

- While the multimillion-dollar attraction projects take several months or even years to materialize, I also work with local entrepreneurs who are interested in starting their own business. CEDA works closely with SCORE, a resource partner of the Small Business Administration, which provides free and confidential counseling services to small businesses. This collaboration has resulted in several new business startups. Most recently: Alter Image Salon, the Growing Tree Boutique, Penird’s Snowplowing and Lawn Service, Handy Skills by Mr. Mills and LIFT: Live It Fitness & Training. Entrepreneurs and business owners typically seek mentoring for business planning, financial projections, marketing strategy, licensing information and access to other resources. These services are free and confidential.

- Bruce Sherman, CEDA’s economic development specialist, has been busy working with the existing businesses in Cayuga County on retention and expansion. A large part of Sherman’s job is to connect our county’s industries with resources and other organizations that offer supportive services. In the world of economic development, business assistance is more than just providing a business with a grant or tax exemption. Introducing various tools to businesses to help expand their sales is just as, if not more, important than providing traditional incentives. Some of those assisting agencies are the local Workforce Investment Board, the CNY Technology Development Organization and the Central New York International Business Alliance. Many companies have expanded recently: Inns of Aurora, Owasco Marine, Aurora Shoes, Stonewell Bodies, Repair Plus, the Springside Inn, Johnston Paper, D&W Diesel and Currier Plastics, to name a few.
CEDA is a private sector, 501(c)(3) local development corporation established to implement a comprehensive economic development strategy for all of Cayuga County. CEDA’s mission is “To foster a sustainable quality of life in Cayuga County through job retention, expansion and attraction.” Working as a one-stop business development service provider, CEDA provides easy access to all of the information, incentives and resources needed to develop, innovate and succeed. To learn more, visit cayugaeda.org.

A special thanks to local photographers Bill Hecht, Chris Molloy, Michael Bruton and Benjamin Walter, who provided the beautiful imagery of Cayuga County, and the web development expertise of Totum Design Co. Along with the new website, users can stay apprised of CEDA’s work by following it on Facebook and Twitter @Cayuga_EDA.

Maureen Riester is a SCORE mentor and the Cayuga Economic Development Agency’s business development specialist, focusing on bringing new business to Auburn and Cayuga County. She can be contacted at mriester@cayugaeda.org or (315) 252-3500.

Lake County is following suit, with the county commissioners passing a resolution designating the Economic Development Week at their May 5 meeting.

“I think every week should be Economic Development Week in Lake County,” Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said at the meeting.

The resolution passed by the commissioners also recognizes the economic development work from the Lake County Port & Economic Development Authority, which was created in February 2007.

Peter Zahirsky, director of Coastal Development for the Lake County Port & Economic Development Authority, agrees that for them, every week is economic development week, but they appreciate the recognition.

“That we’re here and that we’re always looking for new opportunities to work with our stakeholders, with businesses to drive the economy here to help add jobs and increase the quality of life for the residents,” Zahirsky said.

In 2015, through its Business Retention and Expansion program, the port authority helped Lubrizol with its expansion in Painesville Township. That work helped retain 307 jobs and create 24 new ones. Lubrizol committed to a five-year, $100 million expansion.

The port authority also completed the cleanup and renovation of the former Coe industrial site in Painesville last year and continued improvements at the Lost Nation Airport, which it took over from the city of Willoughby in October 2014.

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The goal of our projects and initiatives is jobs and investment.

The York County Economic Alliance is York County’s chamber of commerce and economic development organization. While “chamber of commerce” is a globally recognized term, “economic development” appears to have a wider and sometimes less consistent interpretation.

Economic Development Week kicks off on May 8, so this is an ideal time to share our interpretation. YCEA’s vision is “to be York County’s recognized resource for leading business growth and economic development.”

The Alliance’s approach to economic development is consistent with federal and international economic development organizations. The U.S. Economic Development Administration says that economic development creates “the conditions for economic growth and improved quality of life by expanding the capacity of individuals, firms, and communities to maximize the use of their talents and skills to support innovation, lower transaction costs, and responsibly produce and trade valuable goods and services.” The International Economic Development Council describes economic development in terms of objectives that most commonly includes the creation of jobs and wealth, and the improvement of quality of life.

The YCEA definition is much simpler. At the most basic level, our definition of economic development is based on strategic objectives that center on creating and retaining jobs while stimulating investment in York County.

You can see the results with the expansions of companies such as Apio, Target, Wyndridge Farm and Legacy – all of which are creating and retaining jobs and investing in York County. You can see the impact that our initiatives such as Creativity Unleashed and Careers in Two Years have on attracting, retaining and cultivating talent in York County.

The goal of our projects and initiatives is jobs and investment. Simply put, the YCEA leads economic growth, connects companies to resources, fosters networking opportunities and advocates for businesses and community to create a prosperous York County.

For more information about economic development, visit the YCEA website at www.ycea-pa.org. Or better yet, join us at one of our many activities throughout the county and experience economic development first hand.

Loren Kroh is interim president and CEO of the York County Economic Alliance.
A contract signed by all the Grand Valley’s economic development partners is remarkable both for its brevity and for the mutual trust and support between the organizations it memorializes, officials involved in negotiation of the agreement said last week.

Called a “Memorandum of Understanding,” or MOU, the contract reorganizes the area’s economic development efforts along the exact same lines recommended by a consulting group last year.

In a way, it places the Business Incubator Center, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and Grand Junction Economic Partnership in the same boat and shows how they all row together.

It’s the first time the trio has agreed in writing to fully support each other’s missions, officials said.

Official announcement of the deal Monday kicks off Economic Development Week, starting with an 11 a.m. news conference at Edgewater Brewery, 905 Struthers Ave., said C.J. Rhyne, the chamber’s new business retention specialist.

Several other events are planned through the week, which culminates May 15 with a happy hour event at the Avalon Theatre, where patrons are scheduled to rub elbows with Gov. John Hickenlooper and celebrate the outdoor recreation industry, officials said.

Still, the highlight of the week for economic forecasters was the MOU. The process worked out in that agreement has already led to the retention of a major Grand Junction business — the identity of which cannot yet be revealed — but also opened the door to three new recruitment prospects, according to Kristi Pollard, GJEP executive director, and Diane Schwenke, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce CEO and president.

“(The MOU) shows our collaboration, that we all have the same goal,” Pollard said. “We’re all assisting each other in every single one of these efforts.”

The positive transformation in the partners’ relationship is now a matter of record. Expressed clearly in a simple, one-page document, the MOU uses the same language as a report by North Star Marketing, an agency hired last year by the city of Grand Junction and Mesa County to help align the Grand Valley’s different economic development partners under a unified brand.

The contract reads like an organizational chart and fits neatly onto one page. For example, it states:

GJEP will take the lead on recruiting new business to the area with a focus on the “primary and emerging” sectors of the local economy.

The chamber will take the lead on retaining businesses with a focus on energy, health care and manufacturing.

The incubator will take the lead on start-ups, advisory services, and new product development.

“(Getting the agreement on one page) was intentional,” Schwenke said. “Actually, there were a couple of drafts out there of your typical MOU that goes on for pages and pages and pages, but at the end of the day, the three organizations came back and said, this shows what we’re going to do, so one page is all we need. It shows we’re a team, which our community has been hungry for for a long time.”

The contract’s brevity is really a sign of how much the three nonprofits trust and support each other, Pollard said.

“We’re all talking about who’s taking the lead in terms of business retention, business expansion and business creation, but the more important point for all of us is, we all have supporting roles for each other and it’s really important that we be there for each other,” Schwenke said.

“It’s a team approach … rather than a silo-ed approach. That is very refreshing,” Pollard said. “It’s exciting we have such great teamwork going on in the community, not only from the nonprofit community, but also from the local governments. They have all bought in and we are working as a team.”
PHOENIX (May 9) – The Greater Phoenix Economic Council, a public-private partnership including 23 member communities and Maricopa County, joins the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in celebrating Economic Development Week. From May 8 through May 14, GPEC will join communities and regions across the nation in celebrating economic development efforts.

The Economic Development Week was created by IEDC in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary. Cities nationwide are hosting events and sharing information to boost awareness for economic development.

Since 1989 GPEC has worked with our community partners to assist in the location of companies from around the world to the Greater Phoenix region. Those efforts have resulted in more than 660 companies expanding or locating to the region, more than 116,000 jobs and more than $10.6 billion in capital investment.

“The success of our region is undoubtedly attributed to the willingness of our local and regional leaders to work together,” said Chris Camacho, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and IEDC board member. “Our communities are committed to creating pro-business environments, making it easier for companies to get up and running as quickly as possible. This commitment from the mayors and supervisors to economic development sets our region apart.”

GPEC’s member communities include: Maricopa County, Apache Junction, Avondale, Buckeye, Carefree, Casa Grande, Chandler, El Mirage, Fountain Hills, Gila Bend, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Maricopa, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe, Tolleson, Wickenburg and Youngtown.

You can follow the conversation on social media using #YearofEconDev. Follow GPEC on Twitter and Facebook.

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May 8-14, 2016

Economic Development Week

Created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), “Economic Development Week” celebrates the importance and value of economic development across the globe.

We know our value in St. Tammany. In 2016 alone, STEDF saw an $80 million impact that generated over $2 million in local tax dollars. So, we take this month—and this week—to analyze the tools at our disposal and their importance to our mission.

—Ronnie Bertus, CEO

Certified Sites

Companies’ options expand across the globe, and as technology improves and information becomes more readily available, businesses have less time to decide where to build new facilities. Pre-approved as development-ready, Certified Sites assist in expediting that process. Starting in January, we currently offer seven Certified Sites in St. Tammany—the fourth most of any parish in Louisiana.

Business Retention

Existing companies create more than half of all new jobs. So, together with our partners, we cultivate relationships to help local businesses flourish. We manage the St. Tammany portion of the state’s economic driver list, and we visit each and every one of those companies to retain them here in our parish. When companies are able to expand in St. Tammany, we know their successes indicate a thriving business climate. In 2015, St. Tammany saw a record number of expansions.

Workforce Development

Companies want to grow in areas with a skilled and highly-trained workforce—as an economic development nonprofit, we work to enrich that workforce. We partner with education and industry leaders to identify the best opportunities for growth, and we share relevant information among business and community leaders through our Workforce Development Series. These initiatives identify training needs and opportunities, preparing St. Tammany for the future of local industry.

Partner News

Starting and Financing Your Business Idea

June 14, Slidell

Co-sponsored by STEDF, this LDBC workshop is highly recommended for all individuals planning to start or who have recently started a small business. Topics of discussion will include writing a business plan, sources of funds for start-up and expansion, small business resources, and required licenses.
Economic Development Week

This week, May 8-14, Greater Portland Inc is celebrating Economic Development Week! Economic Development Week is an event created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to celebrate achievements within the economic development profession, and in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

All week, GPI will be highlighting Economic Development Week on our website and social media. Be sure to check out our blog, Facebook and Twitter daily to see how we are commemorating Economic Development Week and celebrating all the great work economic developers do in the Greater Portland region!

Orlando Celebrates Economic Development Week

This week the Orlando Economic Development Commission celebrates the challenging and rewarding work of Economic Development. Economic Development Week, which runs May 8-14, was created by The International Economic Development Council in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

Economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents and facilitating an improved quality of life. The Orlando Economic Development Commission (EDC) offers a full range of services to businesses looking to locate or expand in the Orlando area with a staff of business development experts who can assist in everything from site location analysis to evaluation of financial assistance.
LCC Celebrates Economic Development Week

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Special to the Times

In an effort to celebrate economic growth and development, the Laredo Community College Economic Development Center, in partnership with local governmental entities and civic organizations, is celebrating Economic Development Week, which began Sunday and continues through Saturday.

This year’s Economic Development Week in this region is made possible through the collaborative efforts of several economic development organizations, including the LCCEDC, Laredo Development Foundation, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Solutions for South Texas, Webb County and the City of Laredo.

To commemorate this momentous occasion and to announce upcoming economic development initiatives for the South Texas region, a news conference will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the De La Garza Building, Room 101, at the Fort McIntosh campus.

“The measure of our success to promote economic development for our community lies within the strength of our incredible collaboration with our partners,” said Rodney H. Rodriguez, LCCEDC director. “We are so proud of the accomplishments we have made this past year and look forward to even more productive projects in the future.”

Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council in honor of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

Economic developers are charged with generating economic growth, creating better jobs for residents and facilitating an improved quality of life. The industry remains as complex, challenging and rewarding as ever.

The economic development efforts provided by economic developers are being showcased this week nationally. Members of Congress also are highlighting the work of our nation’s economic developers through special resolutions that are appearing in the Congressional Record.

“We are so pleased that Laredo, Texas is helping to celebrate the profession and the professionals that work hard to create opportunity for all citizens and their communities,” said Barry Matherly, chair of the International Economic Development Council and the president of the Greater Richmond Partnership.

LCC’s Economic Development Center’s mission is to enhance the economic growth and global competitiveness of Laredo and the South Texas region through high quality education, training, and services focusing on continuous workforce improvement, technology deployment and business development.

To carry out this mission, LCCEDC has developed partnerships with individual businesses, industry associations, community colleges, community-based organizations and local governments.

Currently, the LCCEDC is working on several key projects. They include implementing a workplace literacy initiative to provide English language and job readiness skills to the community, providing skills development training, offering a series of workshops aimed at building attendees’ effectiveness in the workplace; preparing educationally disadvantaged, unemployed, and underemployed adults for career-path employment and post-secondary education in high-demand jobs including the import/export industry; and providing resource and support to area entrepreneurs.

For more information about the LCCEDC, call 721-5110 or visit laredo.edu/edc.
The Davis Vanguard has asked people in the community to weigh in on the comment (essentially), “no more innovation parks... what’s next for economic development?” I have decided for this article to take some of my past writing on this subject and restate it here.

I have chosen to spend my time on the importance of recognizing that economic development has a very specific meaning and that not every activity being discussed is actually economic development. Some of the activities and concepts being discussed by people in Davis are actually community development, some are sustainability goals and some are just good community building with focus on place-making. But they are not economic development (or at least not by definition).

The International Economic Development Council, the leading professional organization for economic development, defines the subject like this:

In the broadest sense, economic development encompasses three major areas:

- Policies that government undertakes to meet broad economic objectives including inflation control, high employment, and sustainable growth.
- Policies and programs to provide services including building highways, managing parks, and providing medical access to the disadvantaged.
- Policies and programs explicitly directed at improving the business climate through specific efforts, business finance, marketing, neighborhood development, business retention and expansion, technology transfer, real estate development and others.

The main goal of economic development is improving the economic well-being of a community through efforts that entail job creation, job retention, tax base enhancements and quality of life. As there is no single definition for economic development, there is no single strategy, policy, or program for achieving successful economic development. Communities differ in their geographic and political strengths and weaknesses. Each community, therefore, will have a unique set of challenges for economic development.

I realize that this is semantics more than anything, but it seems important to make sure that a dialogue on this subject has clarity so that those charged with the execution of the activities understand their roles, maximizing their efforts.

To that end, I would highlight two documents specific to the City of Davis that are meant to address this subject of economic development in Davis. Both of these documents have been worked on by staff and approved as work plans/road maps by a 5-0 city council vote.

The first is the City of Davis’ “Innovation and Economic Vitality Work Program”, approved by Council at the May 13, 2015 meeting. The work plan lists specific focus areas that the City Council directed staff to devote time to over the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016, which means it is still relevant.

Innovation and Economic Vitality 2014-16 Work Program

Those focus areas include:
Focus Area 1 - Facilitate Technology and Business Development
Focus Area 2 - Increased University Engagement
Focus Area 3 - Expand Support Network for Local Business
Focus Area 4 - Strategic Branding and Marketing
Focus Area 5 – Leadership

The second document is the Council Goals, in which the economic development area (primarily Goal #2) is built on this work plan.

City Council Goals 2014-2016

Both of these documents also reflect that not everything in the area of economic development can be worked on by any single organization, and that there is need for collaboration and partnership from organizations like: the Davis Chamber of Commerce; Downtown Davis; Yolo County Visitor’s Bureau; Davis Roots; Area 52; Pollinate Davis; the UC Davis Childs Family Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; and the UC Davis Office of Research Venture Catalyst.

There has been significant work by all of these organizations, and other community groups, to create new company starts, increased job opportunities, and a robust economy. And we have a road map that has been memorialized by the City, with community input and approval by city council.

Now that we are faced with only a single proposal of the three ‘innovation centers’ (or research parks, or whatever you like to call more space for research, development, and tech companies) left on the table, let’s go back to the plans and goals and see what the city has been trying to achieve. Let’s not be distracted by the hand-waving that can happen based on emotion, but instead look at the well-vetted process that arrived at specific conclusions and actions.

Most certainly, the Nishi Gateway proposal is the best next step that Davis can make to provide a place for companies coming from or supporting the university. Companies that are pre-wired to promote the Davis community goals of sustainability, protections for agriculture, and engineering solutions to create a better living environment for all.

These companies include those working in food security, new energy sources, advanced manufacturing, and medical devices. They are full of young researchers and faculty advisors and desire deeply to be in the community they have come to love once they are launched. By supporting research areas in close proximity to the university, we build on Davis’ unique perspective of the world and help create a place where there is critical mass for companies that could discover or promote the next solution to so many global issues.

That is economic development that supports our core values, creating urban infill and walkability that creates jobs and opportunity... and that is the Davis way.

Rob White is the former Chief Innovation Officer for the City of Davis and current serves as Chief Strategist for Sierra Energy.

The Year of the Economic Developer

Tuesday May 10, 2016

The Mayor and City Council of Benson passed a resolution recognizing 2016 as the 90th anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and as the Year of the Economic Developer.

We are privileged here in Benson to have a Mayor and City Council that recognize the value and efforts of our organization.

SAEDG and the City of Benson continue to bring new opportunities to the Community. In the past year we have been able to work on several projects from rezoning property for development to new business for the Benson Municipal Airport. The Mayor and Council along with several other people and organizations continue to move the “Villages at Vigneto” project forward. This Economic Development project will start later this year, bringing Hundreds of new jobs and Millions of dollars of investment into the Benson Community.

Once again SAEDG and our Partners would like to thank the Benson Mayor and Council for their continued support.
West Michigan Celebrates Economic Development Week

MAY 10, 2016

West Michigan is celebrating Economic Development Week from May 8-14. Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to highlight the importance and value of economic development’s role in building vibrant communities.

Economic developers are charged with generating long-term economic growth, creating career opportunities for citizens, and facilitating an improved quality of life. Today, the industry is as complex, challenging, and rewarding as ever.

Economic Development Week brings increased awareness to the industry’s impact on West Michigan’s economic growth. Of the many ways in which economic developers serve our communities, these five encompass much of that work:

1. It helps build strong communities. We retain, grow, and attract primary employers that employ workers at well above average pay rates.

2. It increases the likelihood of the next generation living and working happily here. We partner with K-12, higher education systems, and non-profit organizations to educate our future workforce on positions for today and tomorrow.

3. It accelerates the dreams of entrepreneurs and business startups. We are mentors, coaches, connectors, and counselors aspiring future business leaders.

4. It extends our community’s message to the world. We ensure the positive message of progress in West Michigan makes it to the doorsteps of decision makers employing thousands of area workers.

5. It is the glue that binds the public, private, and non-profit sector together. We regularly elevate our community’s strengths, opportunities, and unify the team on current and future action plans.

To say that economic development is valuable only because it brings jobs and investment to communities does not do this profession justice. At its heart, economic development is about building healthy economies in order to have healthy communities. Economic development strategies span across political election cycles, business fads, and economic ups and downs to ensure long-term, stable growth. It is the responsibility of the economic developer to maintain the “long view” of economic growth.

As West Michigan celebrates economic development week, other communities nationwide will also be sharing and celebrating the value of the profession. This will be the first annual Economic Development Week, created by The International Economic Development Council in commemoration of its 90-year anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

Barry Matherly, the Chair of the International Economic Development Council and the President of the Greater Richmond Partnership said, “We are so pleased that West Michigan is helping to celebrate the profession and the professionals that work hard to create opportunities for all citizens and their communities.”

West Michigan’s economic development efforts are led by a collaboration of 15 regional economic development partners.
Stability, Economic Development Help Alaska’s Future Look Bright

Updated: May 10 | Published May 10

Despite the sobering reality of our state’s current fiscal situation, Alaska has the potential for a strong and sustainable future. By committing as a state to economic development, we can put Alaska on a growth trajectory and increase the resiliency of our state.

We have to start by diversifying our economy -- Alaska has depended on one industry to support our state for too long. This will require well-managed economic development programs at both the local and state level that partner with the private sector. Retaining and attracting investment requires a healthy business climate and tools for accelerated and sustainable growth for both established and emerging industries. Finally, we must focus on international trade to position ourselves in the global economy.

The Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) works closely with the statewide business community to identify policy improvements that remove barriers to growth. Our business retention and expansion program, in partnership with regional economic development organizations and local governments, helps analyze key drivers in local economies and implement strategies to grow and expand existing local business and industry.

On a broader scale, DCCED is enhancing the development and growth of industries by establishing a statewide economic roadmap. The comprehensive economic development strategy will integrate broad-based and diverse public and private sector input to identify a shared vision and outline measurable objectives. By empowering and leveraging local planning efforts, the comprehensive strategy will provide criteria to evaluate economic opportunities and flexibility to adapt to global economic conditions while maximizing Alaska’s unique advantages.

Gov. Bill Walker is leading the discussion of how we can increase our tax base without harming our business climate. His proposed income tax would keep Alaska as the state with the second-lowest personal tax in the nation and protect the Permanent Fund dividend. Enacting his fiscal plan will help create a more stable, reliable economy and allow for investment in infrastructure and capital projects necessary for growth.

It is important that we support the development and growth of new and emerging industries. A combination of research, business assistance, and promotional activities can accelerate and sustain industry growth. This approach has already helped strengthen the visitor and seafood industries in Alaska, and we are using limited economic development dollars to deploy these tools to more sectors of our economy.

Between 60 to 80 percent of new jobs are generated from the creation of small business and the expansion of existing businesses. If as a state we choose to permit modern financing instruments such as small securities offerings, commonly known as crowdfunding, Alaska can support new, emerging and expanding businesses. These tools will offer Alaskans another way to participate in the diversification and growth of our economy — Alaskans will be able to invest in Alaska entrepreneurs.

Between our strategic location, geographical advantages and strong brand, Alaska is positioned to be an emerging force in the global economy. Experts estimate that 86 percent of future economic growth will occur in foreign markets. Alaska is at the crossroads of the Pacific Rim and Arctic marine trade routes and is located 9.5 hours by air from 90 percent of the industrialized world, including some of the largest and fastest-growing international economies. Already home to the nation’s second-largest hub for air cargo commerce and international trade between the U.S. and Asia, and the fifth-largest airport in the world in terms of cargo throughput, the Alaska International Airport System is working to aggressively increase investments from in-state, national and international aviation and air cargo-based industries.

With worldwide attention focused on the Arctic, potential to develop infrastructure to serve ships traveling through the newly accessible Northwest Passage or the Northern Sea Route will continue to grow. Forecasts estimate that cargo may increase from 40,000 tons in 2015 to 65 million tons by 2020. Visitors to the Arctic will also increase. This summer, Crystal Serenity will treat over 1,000 cruise
passengers to a monthlong journey through the Northwest Passage, stopping in Seward, Kodiak, Dutch Harbor and Nome before crossing the Arctic Ocean into Canada.

Along with increasing opportunity for cargo commerce and the visitor industry, we’re also working to increase exports of value-added products. Although Alaska’s manufacturing sector is small, our brand is strong due in large part to the good work of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and state’s tourism-marketing program, which will ease our way into new markets. By partnering with the federal government and working closely with industry, we are able to help companies become export ready.

The challenges we face today should be used as a catalyst for focusing on development of new and existing industries in our statewide economy. We must commit to securing Alaska’s healthy business climate, providing existing and emerging industries with tools for growth, and increasing our role in the global economy. I look forward to working with Alaskans to develop a statewide economic development plan that will help guide us toward a stronger future. Chris Hladick is commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. He invites readers to join him in celebrating Economic Development Week from now until May 14, and to visit commerce.alaska.gov/web/DED for more information.

Economic Development Week a High-Five for Those Who Give Entrepreneurs a Hand

Kerry Kincaid, “economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life in their communities and help create, retain, and expand jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base.” Furthermore, the proclamation declares, “economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurs in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses.” Bottom line: It’s a big job, and the economic livelihood of our communities depends on it.

Economic Development Week is the brainchild of International Economic Development Council, a professional organization for economic developers. In the Chippewa Valley, the you’ll find those pros in the City of Eau Claire’s Economic Development Department (which serves economic needs in the city limits); the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corporation (which serves the whole county); and Momentum West (which serves a 10-county region of west-central Wisconsin). These groups are involved in a number of events to highlight the week:

An Economic Development Week Reception will be hosted by the Eau Claire Area EDC and sponsored by Xcel Energy from 4-6pm Wednesday, May 11, at the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, 3132 Louis Ave., Eau Claire. A presentation by local entrepreneurs will be at 5pm.

The Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce’s Small Office Home Office (SOHO) group, which is for Chamber members with five or fewer employees, will meet 4:30-6:30pm Thursday, May 12, at Lazy Monk Brewing, 97 W. Madison St., Eau Claire.

Celebrate Economic Development Week!
In Arizona and across the U.S., the International Economic Development Council has declared this to be the Year of the Economic Developer. In Arizona, this is Economic Development Week.

At the center of it all in midtown Phoenix is Joyce Grossman, executive director of the Arizona Association for Economic Development. The public-private organization brings together a multitude of players with a simple mission: Boost the Arizona economy.

“Arizona has an excellent environment for economic growth, our members work in both public and private sectors to find better ways to close deals,” Grossman said. “We are a mix of bankers, investors, utilities, major companies, brokers and state and local government.”

AAED members represent the entire hierarchy of putting together an economic development deal.

“I’ve seen a lot of changes over the years,” Grossman said. “When I worked with (city of) Phoenix, companies asked about taxes, incentive deals and cost.”

Grossman was with the city’s economic development department and was a lead member of the team that created the biomedical campus with the Translational Genomics Institute in downtown Phoenix before taking the helm at AAED.

“Today, the lead participant at the table in a site selection effort is human resources,” she said. “The first question is whether or not Arizona has the quality labor force to let the company succeed.”

Corporate site selection and headquarters relocation is a very different ballgame today than it was even 10 years ago.

Quality companies don’t jump because one state dangles a bigger incentive check over another. KJZZ and National Public Radio broadcast a cautionary tale about restaurant chain Applebee’s. The company grabbed state incentives three times in relocating its headquarters from Kansas to Missouri and more recently, California. That’s not a business Arizona economic developers pursue because the state wants permanence.

In the cases of Kansas and Missouri, the economic incentives and tax breaks were handed out up front.

“Arizona has a more sophisticated process,” said Sandra Watson, president and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority in an interview earlier this year. “Companies have to earn the incentives by achieving the promise milestones.”

Arizona and city economic developers treat business incentives as investments. When contractual hiring, salary and capital spending thresholds are surpassed, the state and cities reimburse the companies for meeting commitments.

“The legislature requires that the state receives at least $2 in returned revenue for each dollar it pays out,” Watson said.

Keeping up with how deals are done is a major part of the role AAED plays for its member organizations.

“We’re a conduit to training for economic developers and also for those interested in economic development,” Grossman said. “The IEDC has been around for 90 years, we’ve been around since the 1974. We’ve created partnerships for training in Arizona.”

Recently, the group has started the Economic Development Academy of Arizona, in which professionals are able to obtain an Arizona Economic Development Professional certification.

“This year, we’re hoping that the general business community will learn what’s involved in economic development,” Grossman said. “It’s when we all work together that we bring in the big wins for the state.”

Eric covers economic development, banking and finance, infrastructure, transportation and utilities.
#EconDevWeek & #YearofEconDev on Social Media: Contributions from the Economic Development Online Community

Social media created unprecedented opportunities for economic developers to share information about their community programs. Teams from economic development organizations around the country posted photos, images of signed proclamations and resolutions, and celebration messages from their events. Usage of #EconDevWeek and #YearofEconDev received more than 1,000,000 impressions, with hundreds of postings, tweets, and shares during the week.
International Economic Development Council
May 10 at 3:09pm

IEDC has launched a new video interview series for this special anniversary year. First up: Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM and IEDC Board Chair for 2016.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm7MKgkSN1Q
Celebrate #EconDevWeek and #YearofEconDev

Barry Matherly, CEcD, FM
Richmond, VA

International Economic Development Council shared
Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership's post
May 10 at 9:46am

Check out what our own Jeff Finkle has to say about Economic Development Week and the industry as a whole. #EconDevWeek
#YearofEconDev

Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership
May 10 at 9:14am

Next up in our Economic Development Week blog series is Jeff Finkle of the International Economic Development Council. A must read!

Why There’s an Economic Development Week - Saratoga Partnership
I am thrilled to be sharing this exciting year and celebration with economic developers around the nation, especially with organizations like the Saratoga C
“I appreciate IEDC’s launching of this Economic Development Week campaign. Over time, we’ve recognized our manufacturers, our Small Business Development Center, our chamber of commerce, our airport, our school district, our technical college, etc. for their contributions toward economic development, but we’ve never actually recognized economic development specifically and the value it provides to residents and businesses in our community. We often hold the light on others, but rarely on ourselves and would not have had reason to without this the creation of this unique campaign. Congratulations and enjoy the celebrations next week... thanks again!”

Melissa S. Glasgow
Director of Economic Development
Office of the County Administrator
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084
Proclamation
CITY OF
Colleyville, Texas

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016;

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic development;

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council promotes leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training, research, and publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation;

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incite entrepreneurial activity in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy;

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and Federal governments, public partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions;

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by attracting, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base;

WHEREAS, the event will occur for the first time May 8-14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by attracting, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by attracting, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY S. PETERSON, Mayor of Colleyville, do hereby proclaim March 8-14, 2016, as ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK in the City of Colleyville, and remind citizens of the importance of this profession in expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

Signed this 5th day of March, 2016.

Colleyville's Proclamation for #EconDevWeek, #YearofEconDev.
In the picture are: (left) Donald J. Tilley, Bay County Commissioner and Mark Litten (right), President & CEO, Bay Future, Inc. (Michigan) holding proclamation.
York County EconDev @YorkCountySC · May 13
Closing out #EconDevWeek w/ a #FlashbackFriday @lashgroup Grand Opening last month—2,400 #Jobs #YearofEconDev #Yes

Lash Group dedicates new Fort Mill headquarters to employ 2,400
Lash Group on Monday dedicated its Fort Mill headquarters, where company leaders say they expect to double the workforce from 1,200 to 2,400 by 20...
heraldonline.com

GREATER MSP @GreaterMSP · May 10
Jay Williams @US_EDA gets a dose of of our strong medical manufacturing region at Celleplast. #MMMP #YearofEconDev

DTNBUR @DowntownBUR · May 13
Love this quote from #DTNBUR merchant @FlappersComedy! Happy #EconDevWeek #EDCtweets #YearofEconDev

Flappers Comedy Club is up and running strong for six years now, and we would not exist without the help of the City of Burbank’s Economic Development staff, who were instrumental in making our vision of establishing a great comedy venue in the Valley a reality. Thanks for making it possible for us to bring comedy to Burbank!

- Barbara Halladay, Co-Founder and Owner of Flappers Comedy Club
Cushman & Wakefield @CushWakeWR - May 12
How are we recognizing EcDev week? We’ve joined EDCO to foster economic prosperity in Ontario #YearofEconDev #EDCOnt

Hot Springs Chamber @GHSChamber - May 11
From Alliance Rubber to Texameric Ann Food Blending, we've helped companies expand their businesses. #YearOfEconDev

St. Thomas EDC @StThomasEDC - May 12
We celebrated Economic Development Week with a Free Enterprise Award of Merit! #YearofEconDev #stthomasproud #EDCOnt

Economic Development Week will take place from May 9-14, 2016, and will highlight the importance and value of economic development throughout our communities.
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Economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities, by creating, retaining and expanding jobs that facilitate growth.
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Thanks to Caldwell County for their special #EconDevWeek proclamation! #YearofEconDev

Greater SMTX EcDev @GSMtweets · May 12
Getting ready for our @iedctweets #EconDevWeek Open House! Stop by between 4 pm and 6 pm. #YearofEconDev

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CELEBRATE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
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In this photo: IEDC President and CEO, Jeffrey Finkle pinning new CEO, Victor Garza, Director of Existing Business, Talent and Entrepreneurship, Greater San Marcos Partnership, San Marcos, Texas.
St. Tammany EDF @STammanyEDF - May 12
Check out interesting economic development information as we celebrate the #YearofEconDev in our May Newsletter!

May Newsletter
Celebrating Economic Development Week!
us9.campaign-archive.com

StoreTechCo @StoreTechCo - May 9
Happy Economic Development Wk! Thanks to all the EcoDev for what you do! #YearofEconDev bit.ly/1q96e9I

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#Proclamation #YearofEconDev #EconomicDevelopment #SeguinTX
It's #EconDevWeek & @SelectUSA's Director thanks our nation's economic developers:
https://t.co/7WVJ5jloIG | @TradeGov

Congrats to @IEDTweets on 90 yrs of #econdev promotion! #EconDevWeek
https://t.co/HJCaF5GwhD

MAY 8-14, 2016

CELEBRATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN YOUR COMMUNITY

iedconline.org/90years

GRPVA @grpva · May 13
A BIG THANKS to @HanoverVA for the #EconDevWeek Proclamation! We hope everyone has enjoyed it so far #YearofEconDev
Camoin Associates @CamoinAssociate · May 13

good parks support economic development in any weather! - Dan Stevens
#EconDev #YearOfEconDev #ImAnEconomicDeveloper

Camoin Associates @CamoinAssociate · May 13

Economic Development is moving mindsets from A to B. - @silvmich
#YearOfEconDev

“Economic Development is moving mindsets from A to B.”
- Michael N'Dolo

Camoin Associates @CamoinAssociate · May 13

Healthy economies = healthy communities.
Turn #EconDev on its head. @tat0ti
#ImAnEconomicDeveloper #YearOfEconDev
City of Pharr @PharrTx May 13
The Pharr EDC hosted an official Ribbon Cutting for the FreshHouse Cold Storage/United Brokers. #YearofEconDev

League of Women Gov and 9 others follow
Annie Deckert @AnnieDeckert May 12
Nearly 200,000sf of development planned for @DecklanGroup clients this year. #YearofEconDev econdev

Chippewa @chaswalker May 10
#yearofEconDev
Pocono Mountains EDC @PoconoEDC · May 13
Celebrating Econ Dev Week in the Poconos by visiting some of our manufacturers #YearofEconDev #EconDevWeek

Oconee Econ Alliance @InvestOconeeSC · May 12
Great crowd listening to Dr. Ballato talk #optics, #econdev & @ClemsonCoEngSci / #YearofEconDev #EconDevWeek

JAXUSA Partnership @JAXPartnership · May 13
Proceeds from THE PLAYERS benefit NEFL charities & have totaled more than $75 million. #YearofEconDev
Members of the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce team
Small Business Help liked Enterprise Centre May 13
You are celebrating the #YearofEconDev by looking back at some of our 2015 achievements #Econo15

ST. CATHARINES ENTERPRISE CENTRE

140 STARTED
308 JOBS
MORE THAN
FULL-AND PART-TIME

220 HOURS
OF TRAINING & MENTORSHP TO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

MORE THAN 135 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS TO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

THAT ASSISTED THEM IN OPERATING MORE THAN $10,000 IN REVENUE

135 BUSINESSES EXPANDED SALES

More than 135 businesses expanded their sales after visiting our office.

Your Alaska Link (Coastal Television) May 12 at 12:34am •
Economic Development Week is on! #EconDevWeek #YearofEconDev...tune in tonight KTVB & KYUR

Anchorage Participates In Economic Development Week
Anchorage, AK - The International Economic Development Council, the...
Economic Development Partnership of Alabama May 9 at 10:59am •
Learn about the Alabama AdvantageSite program at www.advantagealabama.com. #EconDevWeek

Advantage Alabama

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Eleven Signs a City Will Succeed

GVEC Economic Development

May 13 at 2:28pm - 

Join us and Experience the #GuadalupeValley Your new #PowerTool !
#SouthCentralTexas #YearofEconDev #EconDevWeek

GROW Licking County Community Improvement Corporation at C-TEC of Licking County.

May 10 at 7:14pm - 

Kenny McDonald presenting at GROW's #ED101 seminar. #EconDevWeek
To all our economic development partners & allies,
Happy Economic Development Week!
May 8–14, 2016

Rio Grande City EDC Board

Rio Grande City EDC @RGCEDC : May 9
#RGC #RGCEDC #YearofEconDev #EconDevWeek

GRPVA @grpva : Jun 1
We had a blast attending the RVA LogistixGames this year!
#supplychain #logistics #distribution #YearofEconDev
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Celebrate Economic Development Week in Arvada.

arvadaeconomicdevelopment.org

Top 10 Economic Development Projects

Arvada, CO celebrating Economic Development week.
Daniel G. Evers, Executive Director, Clinton County Port Authority (Ohio), and team.
Great to have Jay Williams @US_EDA here for mnpmp.launch.

#YearofEconDev

Get to know AdaOK economic developer, James Eldridge! #YearofEconDev

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Reflecting on the industry that keeps us in business and serves as the foundation to any successful and sustainable community. Check out #EconDevWeek to read success stories from around the country and to see how others are celebrating.

RDG Celebrates Economic Development Week!
May 8th - 15th

Support economic development week by sharing your success with the community, and bringing attention to the hard working individuals that make job creation happen!

To learn more about RDG visit us online, or give us a call today for all of your economic development fundraising needs.
www.rdgfundraising.com
(614) 395-3842

Dayton, Ohio - City Government added 2 new photos.
May 13 at 8:41am

Our final success story for National Economic Development Week is BarryStaff. #YearofEconDev #EconDevWeek

The staffing firm is making a difference in Dayton’s economy – serving business customers, placing workers in jobs and careers, and recently opening a sleek new headquarters building in the Webster Station/Tech Town area. Since 1980, BarryStaff has successfully placed workers in industrial, clerical and permanent positions for clients throughout the region

President Doug Barry believes in supporting the community—in fact the company’s headquarters includes a meeting room available to community groups.

City of Dayton Economic Development staff provided technical assistance to help get the headquarters building from concept to completion. BarryStaff also operates offices in Springfield and Piqua.
This #EconDevWeek, I thought it was fitting to revisit what an economic development professional does for their community. Proud of our team at #GreaterOshkoshEDC and others who "fight the good fight" for economic prosperity every day.

Peter Bishop: What your local professional can do for you
Business owners, did you know your local economic development professional can help you start or grow your business, secure needed funds or navigate the…

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May 17 at 10:36am ·

A recap of the Governor's visit and the importance of the outdoor recreation industry to our Valley and our state. #EconDevWeek #YearofEconDev

The Christi Reece Group at Coldwell Banker Distinctive Properties
May 16 at 7:19pm ·

Check out this quick blog post about John W. Hickenlooper visit to Grand Junction, Colorado to explore more about our outdoor recreation! #westslopbestslope...

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Outdoor Recreation in Grand Junction
Outdoor Recreation in Western Colorado is not just something to do, it is a way of life. How does it affect business and real estate? Read more...
This week is International Economic Development Week. The contributions made by economic developers leads to more jobs, enriched communities and an overall greater way of life.

In honor of this week, get to know our Economic Development team at Greater Lafayette Commerce!

Jody Hamilton serves as our Vice President of Economic Development. She has worked in the economic development field for 20 years with a focus on business retention, expansion and attraction. She serves on a team focused on workforce development initiatives including promoting manufacturing careers to the youth. She also serves on the Indiana’s Technology Corridor, which is a nine county regional marketing collaboration. She is an active member of several professional organizations including Indiana Economic Development Association, and the Greater Lafayette YWCA.

Kara Webb serves as our Director of Workforce Development. Talent pipeline, workforce attraction and assisting existing businesses with workforce needs are her main responsibilities.

She has developed her focus on workforce talent by serving at the manager for Business and Employer Services under the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as well as Region 4 workforce board for over 13 years. She was appointed to the Indiana Works Council by Governor Pence in 2013 and continues to serve on that capacity in her new role with Greater Lafayette Commerce. She was the key partner in the creation of the communities Advancing Manufacturing program and the State of Advanced Manufacturing system.

They are a dynamic team, and are instrumental in helping our community continue to thrive. #YearofEconDev
Resolution by Missouri State House of Representative Member Sally A. Faith. She represents St. Charles is the Chair of the House Select Committee on Commerce which oversees Economic Development for the state.
“Our principal celebration was online by creating a new “flyer” each day (Mon-Fri) highlighting a different facet of economic development in the City of Madison. We created a banner for the City’s home page, which is still viewable at www.madisonal.gov. During last week the banner actually referenced it being “Economic Development Week” along with the dates of the promotion. Because it was so well received, we have decided to keep the banner and info up for a while but have taken the reference to the dates off of the banner to keep it looking current.”

Mary Beth Broeren
AICP, Director, Planning and Economic Development
City of Madison, Alabama
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IEDC Staff Celebrates with the Economic Development Community

IEDC staff visited with economic development organizations to celebrate, share information about the campaign, and to learn about their programs as well.
IEDC’s Vice President of KMD, Lynn Knight with Fairfax Economic Development Authority

Lynn Knight snapping photo of Loudon County, Virginia Economic Development team
The Economic Development Coalition of Asheville and Buncombe County (N.C.) visited with IEDC’s senior associate Louise Anderson during Economic Development Week. From left to right: communications manager Matt Popowski, IEDC’s Anderson, executive director Ben Teague, research director Heidi Reiber, and director of business development Clark Duncan.

Eli Dile, IEDC Newsletter Coordinator, ED Now, and Joshua Hurwitz, IEDC Economic Development Associate with Prince George’s Economic Development Corporation
IEDC’s Matthew Mulin, Director, Public Policy and Strategic Engagement, capturing moments of Economic Development celebrations in Cleveland.
Matt Mullin @EconDevelopMatt · May 13
Gurus of growth at the Downtown Cleveland Alliance. Thank you for your work!
@DowntownCLE @IEDCtweets YearofEconDev

Matt Mullin @EconDevelopMatt · May 11
Look at these econ development ninjas. Thanks for all you do for Cleveland!
@CLE_EconDev @IEDCtweets YearofEconDev
Alexandria Economic Development Partnership
Stephanie Landrum President & CEO
Ryan Touhill, Senior Associate

With IEDC’s Director of Applied Research, Emily Brown

Erica Moore, Manager of Technology and Entrepreneurship with IEDC’s Emily Brown

Kenyattah A. Robinson, President & CEO Mt. Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District with IEDC’s Emily Brown
IEDC EDW visit with Martijn Nuijten from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

IEDC EDW visit with Stephanie Broeder from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Lorna Jean “LJ” Edmonds, Ohio University’s Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Director of International Studies with IEDC’s Economic Development Associate, Tatiana Puscasu
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