



*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 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 resilient communities; 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, 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 Economic Development Council of Colorado works to strengthen our state's economy by unifying organizations involved in economic development, fostering the exchange of ideas, insights, and best practices for economic developers; and*

*WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade is dedicated to working with the EDCC and local economic developers to create a vibrant Colorado;*

*Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between May 4, 2020 and May 9, 2020, as*

### ***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK***

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of May, 2020*

A blue ink signature of Jared Polis, the Governor of Colorado, written in a cursive style.

Jared Polis  
Governor