

Proclamation

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 International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services, 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, Downtown Colorado, Inc. has worked since 1982 to promote, educate, strengthen, and redevelop Colorado's strong downtowns, town centers, and commercial corridors, united in cause, Colorado's downtown champions; 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

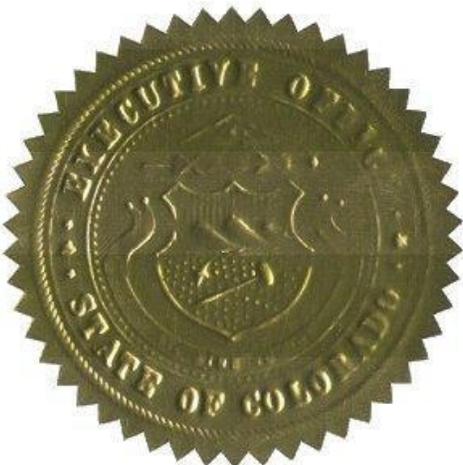
WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade is dedicated to working with the EDCC and local economic developers to create a vibrant Colorado;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the time period between May 9, 2021 and May 15, 2021, as

Economic Development Week

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this ninth day of May, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Jared Polis
Governor*