

WHEREAS, Economic Development Week is an event created by the Florida Economic Development Council to celebrate the achievements of economic, workforce and community development practitioners throughout Florida communities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Economic Development Council is the professional economic development organization dedicated to elevating Florida's competitiveness by providing cutting-edge education and training for Florida's economic, workforce and community development practitioners; and

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

WHEREAS, economic, workforce and community developers create significant opportunities for local businesses to expand their businesses internationally by guiding them through the exporting process; and

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

WHEREAS, economic, workforce and community developers attract and retain high-quality talent to Florida and collaborate with regional workforce boards and higher education providers to develop the skills of Florida's career seekers, thereby enhancing our competitiveness and improving the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, economic, workforce and community developers work in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by _____ that February 11-15, 2019 be recognized as ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK.