

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 91st anniversary and has proclaimed May 8th to May 13th 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 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, 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;

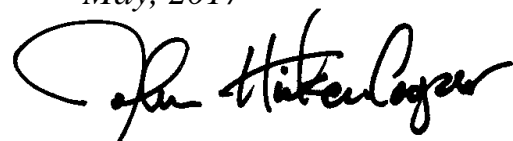
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between May 8, 2017 and May 12, 2017, as

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eighth day of May, 2017


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor