

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), a non-profit organization established in 1961, whose mission is to enhance the knowledge and skills of its members, encourages partnerships and networking among people committed to bringing jobs and capital to Maryland and promotes economic development as an investment in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the economic growth and stability of the State impacts all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland and St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development is an important component of the State's economic success; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development supports a dynamic cultural and economic ecosystem by attracting and retaining a talented and diverse workforce, growing the advanced manufacturing, autonomous systems, aircraft modification, tourism, and agriculture and aquaculture industries, creating a robust environment for innovation and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development has shown a commitment to innovation and creativity and supports an economy anchored by the important mission of Naval Air Station Patuxent River and its tenant commands, while stretching business revenue streams beyond military work to include commercial products and services, attracts new companies, large and small, in targeted industries that bring fresh ideas and capabilities into the local economy, draws in highly skilled workers who can advance the work in aviation, manufacturing, rapid prototyping, and other business sectors; and maintains the rural character of the County and protects military installations through robust land preservation efforts;

WHEREAS, the Department facilitates a rich quality of life, good schools, safe neighborhoods, connectivity, gathering places, walkable destinations, access to natural resources, and an active lifestyle;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, do hereby recognize the Department of Economic Development as important contributors to the resiliency and success of the local economy and the foundation to the economic future in our County and ask all citizens to join us in recognizing the contributions and further proclaim the week of October 25 through October 29 as ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK in St. Mary's County.

THIS DATE:

October 19, 2021