



WHEREAS, the economic growth and stability of the State affect all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is a vital component of Maryland's economic success, representing over 9,500 businesses and 72,000 employees in a wide range of for-profit and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville supports economic development through investments in infrastructure, parks, housing, planning, and other high-quality-of-life amenities that are central to a thriving climate for conducting business; and

WHEREAS, **Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI)**, a nonprofit organization formed in 1997 by the City of Rockville to proactively support existing industry and attract new businesses, is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), a nonprofit organization that encourages economic development to promote the well-being of all Marylanders and collaboratively works to improve the State's business climate; and

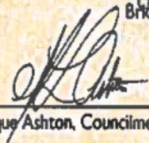
WHEREAS, REDI highlights business retention, expansion, and attraction efforts, and key economic development programs and partners during **Economic Development Week** in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, October is **Global Diversity Awareness Month**, and **Black Entrepreneurship Day** is October 27, 2022, as this week is an opportunity to spotlight support for diverse businesses.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council hereby proclaim the week of **October 24-28, 2022**, to be **Economic Development Week** in the City of Rockville, Maryland, in recognition of the importance of economic development and its role in supporting the business community, creating new and dynamic opportunities for residents and visitors, and enhancing the fiscal health of the city.

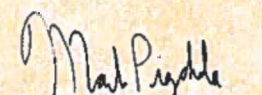



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