

*Whereas, the Dave & Patsy Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship, an Economic Development Entity is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), a nonprofit organization established in 1961 whose mission is to enhance the knowledge and skills of its members, encourage partnerships and networking among people committed to bringing jobs and capital to Maryland, and promotes economic development as an investment in Maryland; and*

*Whereas, MEDA members promote the economic well-being of Maryland by working to improve the State's business climate and the professionalism of those in the field of economic development, including other professionals with an interest in the economy of Maryland, and through its regular meetings, special programs, and projects, members address diverse issues; and*

*Whereas, the economic growth and stability of the State affects all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland, and the Dave & Patsy Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship is an important component of the State's economic success, and will highlight those successes by hosting the 13th annual Ratcliffe Foundation Shore Hatchery Entrepreneurship Competition on Friday, October 28, 2022.*

*Now, Therefore, Wicomico Economic Development, Inc. of Salisbury, Maryland hereby proclaims the week of October 24th-28th, 2022 as Economic Development Week in Maryland. Economic Development Week in Maryland will highlight the investment in partnerships that strengthen our competitiveness in the Dave & Patsy Rommel Center for Entrepreneurship and asks all to join with us to recognize and reaffirm the importance of business development locally and statewide.*