*WHEREAS,* ***(organization name)*** *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 statewide economic well-being by working to improve Maryland’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 affect all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland, and* ***(organization name)*** *is an important component of the State’s economic success,* ***[and will highlight those successes by {hosting XX event; recognizing important projects; visiting local businesses; whatever any type of local event may be} – or, if you opt for a proclamation only, delete the part in [ ].***

*NOW, THEREFORE,* ***(I/We)*** *the* ***(governing body or elected official)*** *of* ***(community)****, Maryland do hereby proclaim the week of October 23-27, 2023 as Economic Development Week in Maryland, and ask all to join with us to recognize and reaffirm the importance of business development locally and statewide*