

*October 20-24, 2025, Declared Economic Development Week in Maryland*

*WHEREAS, St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development 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 a direct interest in the economy of Maryland—through its regular educational meetings, special programs, and community-driven projects, members address diverse issues; and*

*WHEREAS, Economic Development Week provides the opportunity for community-minded organizations to collaborate and share strategies, programs, and best practices for advancing Maryland's economy; and*

*WHEREAS, the economic growth and stability of the State affect all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland, and St. Mary's County is an important component of the State's economic success, and will highlight those successes by showcasing the four pillars of economic development, visiting local businesses, and promoting business engagement events across all industries; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT We, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20th through October 24th, 2025, as Economic Development Week in Maryland.*

*We encourage all to join us in recognizing and reaffirming the importance of business development locally and statewide during this celebration.*