



PROCLAMATION

MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

September 28–October 2, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Frederick is the second most populated city in the State of Maryland, home to more than 80,000 residents and supported by a local workforce of approximately 53,000 individuals, with more than 57,000 jobs provided by over 4,000 businesses across diverse industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Frederick Office 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 those committed to bringing jobs and capital to Maryland, and promote 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, while fostering collaboration, partnerships, and the exchange of strategies, programs, and best practices that advance Maryland's economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Frederick proudly supports businesses of all sizes, including international companies, local startups, and a growing number of minority- and women-owned enterprises, while the Office of Economic Development works year-round to attract and retain businesses, promote entrepreneurship, encourage investment, and strengthen the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the economic growth and stability of the State affect all regions and jurisdictions of Maryland, and the City of Frederick is an important component of the State's economic success, with economic development contributing to job creation, entrepreneurship, commercial investment, and a vibrant and prosperous future for the community and the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Mayor Michael O'Connor and the City Council of the City of Frederick, Maryland, do hereby proclaim September 28 through October 2, 2026, as Economic Development Week in the City of Frederick, and encourage all residents, businesses, community organizations, and leaders to join us in recognizing and reaffirming the importance of business development locally and statewide during this celebration.

Mayor Michael O'Connor

City Council President César Díaz

