



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

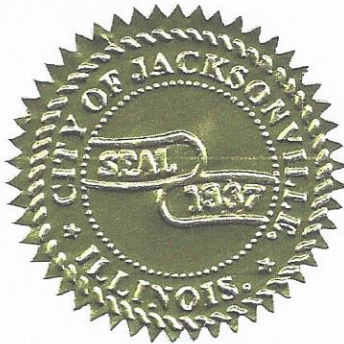
WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings, including rural and urban communities, local/state/provincial/federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and utilities; and

WHEREAS, economic developers help to attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the Jacksonville region for the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Jacksonville Main Street Association, and the Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation (JREDC),

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY EZARD, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Illinois, by this proclamation do hereby recognize May 8-13, 2017 as **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK** in the City of Jacksonville and remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration, which supports expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life for our residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 8th day of May 2017.



Andy Ezard
Mayor