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Dear Community Stakeholders and Partners,

On behalf of St. Tammany Parish Development District Board of Commissioners, we are excited to recognize the week of May 6 through May 10, 2024, as Economic Development Week. There are more than 100,000 economic development or related professionals worldwide who are committed to creating, retaining, and expanding top-tier opportunities that facilitate long-term, equitable community growth. The economic development profession cultivates thriving neighborhoods, champions sustainability and resiliency, boosts economic prosperity, enhances the quality of life, and builds robust tax bases. Economic development professionals operate throughout diverse economic environments, including rural, suburban, and urban settings; local, state, provincial, and national governments; public-private partnerships; chambers of commerce; institutions of higher education; among many similar organizations and associations. Economic development professionals serve as stewards, bridging connections between community stakeholders such as residents, business leaders, elected officials, industry executives, and educational administrations, to collaborate in promoting job creation, community investment, infrastructure advancements, and an optimistic future.

Economic developers contribute to the betterment and progress of St. Tammany Parish and the Northshore region within the state of Louisiana. As the economic development organization dedicated to fostering growth in St. Tammany, we are committed to supporting an environment where businesses, families, and talent can thrive. In alignment with this mission, we continue to support business development and promote sustainable, meaningful growth that contributes to a dynamic and resilient economy across the parish. Since 1926, the International Economic Development Council has been a leader and driving force in advancing economic development initiatives, with a steadfast commitment to fostering growth and prosperity in communities of all sizes worldwide through equity, inclusion, sustainability, resilience, and innovation.

St. Tammany Corporation recognizes the week of May 6 through May 10, 2024, as Economic Development Week, and remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding opportunities, bettering lives, and moving society forward. Please join us in celebrating this significant week as we continue to foster growth and prosperity within our vibrant community.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Wainwright, President

Joan Coffman, Vice President