

**PROCLAMATION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK
MAY 11-17, 2025**

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program, the Certified Economic Developer designation, and the Entrepreneurship Development Professional; and

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, the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) is a proud and active member of IEDC engaging in best practices led by IEDC and having two IEDC certified economic developers on staff; and

WHEREAS, LEDA has received three IEDC Gold Awards for its creative business retention, workforce development, and entrepreneurship initiatives and a Silver Award for its re-entry workforce development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) is to catalyze job growth and capital investments that will lead to a strong and diversified economy, equitable access to economic opportunity, and an excellent quality of life in Lafayette Parish; and

WHEREAS, LEDA creates innovative collaborations between business, government, educational institutions, and workforce development organizations to produce a rich network of support that fuels progress; and

WHEREAS, LEDA provides resources and guidance to support businesses as they make decisions to start, expand or relocate to Lafayette Parish; and

WHEREAS, LEDA engages in the best practices in business retention and expansion, business attraction, workforce development and talent attraction, by fostering entrepreneurship and small business development, by curating a positive business climate, and by engaging in efforts to enhance quality of life in the parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, recognizes the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025, as Economic Development Week, and reminds individuals of the importance of this community celebration of the practice of economic development which supports expanding business and career opportunities and making lives better.



Ken Ritter, Mayor

