



PROCLAMATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

May 4 - May 8, 2026

Whereas, the International Economic Development Council 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, 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, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions, and;

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

Whereas, Cleveland County is home to the internationally awarded and recognized Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition, whose work advances innovation, investment, workforce development, and long-term prosperity throughout the region, and;

Whereas, the Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition serves unincorporated Cleveland County, the cities within, and the metro region within the State of Oklahoma;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners recognizes the week of May 4 through May 8, 2026, as Economic Development Week, and we remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding career opportunities and improved quality of life initiatives for all citizens.

Attest:

Pam Howlett, County Clerk

Jacob McHughes, Chairman

Rusty Grissom, Vice-Chairman

Rod Cleveland, Member