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County Recognizes Economic Development Week Agricultural Businesses Celebrated

Westminster, MD, Thursday, October 17, 2024 – Today, in Open Session, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25, 2024, as Economic Development Week in Carroll County. As part of the celebration, [Carroll County Department of Economic Development](#) teams will recognize the importance of the agriculture industry by fanning out across all five county districts, meeting with farms or agricultural operations' owners to pay tribute and thank them for the crucial role they play in the county's economy and the state's ongoing prosperity and growth.

The [Maryland Economic Development Association \(MEDA\)](#), will also celebrate Economic Development Week in Maryland. Since 2011, this week-long observance highlights the transformative impact of economic development on communities and individuals. Events and activities hosted by various statewide economic development organizations will spotlight the efforts and initiatives to improve business retention, job growth, and quality of life for Maryland residents.

“This week is a great opportunity to focus on the importance of economic development and the critical role it plays in economic vitality and quality of life for our county,” said Denise Beaver, director of the Department of Economic Development. “The county has many strong industries and outstanding businesses, but this year we chose to focus on agriculture because of the intrinsic value it adds to our community. We sincerely appreciate and support the agricultural sector, which not only drives economic growth but also creates job opportunities and sustains our vibrant community.”

Economic development initiatives fortify the community, county, region, state and beyond and has many benefits. Fostering a positive business community by attracting and expanding industry and enterprise as well as growing and encouraging startups strengthens Carroll County's economy. This ecosystem provides locally produced goods and services, revenue for services such as schools, infrastructure, public safety, job opportunities for residents, and contributes to a positive quality of life.

To learn more about Economic Development Week in Maryland, visit www.MEDAmd.com.

To learn more about Carroll County Department of Economic Development, please visit www.carrollbiz.org.

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