

Mayor Christian Price

Whereas, the International Economic Development Association (IEDC), the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers is celebrating its 91st year as the premier organization in 2017; 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 and the Certified Economic Developer designation; 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, the City recognizes it is a vital part of the region's success due to its commitment to a viable economic development program and strong partnership with other agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-19 2017 as “**Economic Development Week**” in Maricopa, Arizona to recognize the importance economic development in creating investment opportunities and improving quality of life.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2017

Christian Price, Mayor