



PROCLAMATION
Economic Development Week
May 3-9, 2026

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 economic development and related professionals worldwide are committed to creating, retaining, and expanding opportunities that foster long-term, equitable community growth; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the economic development profession has cultivated thriving neighborhoods, championed sustainability and resiliency, strengthened economic prosperity, enhanced quality of life, and built robust tax bases; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals operate across diverse environments, including rural, suburban, and urban communities; local, state, and national governments; public-private partnerships; chambers of commerce; institutions of higher education; and similar organizations; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals serve as stewards of progress, connecting residents, business leaders, elected officials, industry executives, and educational institutions to advance job creation, community investment, infrastructure improvements, and long-term opportunity; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals contribute to the continued strength and vitality of Habersham County, Georgia, building on past achievements while shaping a resilient and prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, since 1926, the International Economic Development Council and its predecessor organizations have advanced the profession globally, marking 100 years of leadership dedicated to fostering growth, innovation, inclusion, sustainability, and resilience in communities of all sizes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Habersham County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes **Economic Development Week**, celebrating the professionals who work to strengthen our communities, support economic growth, and create opportunities for current and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Habersham County Board of Commissioners has hereunto set its hand and caused the seal of Habersham County to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Bruce Harkness
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Brandalin Carnes
County Clerk