



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
MAY 8, 2023 to MAY 12, 2023
AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

WHEREAS, economic development encompasses the concerted actions to influence the direction of private sector investment to create opportunities that can lead to sustained economic growth while advancing a shared vision for developing a quality community; and

WHEREAS, economic development practitioners develop and implement programs, policies or activities that seek to improve the quality of life for our community by creating, retaining, and expanding job opportunities which facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Albany's economic development strategy has continued to attract and retain high-quality companies as well as stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship to establish the next generation of new businesses; and

WHEREAS, economic development continues to flourish within the City of New Albany which continues to help build a vibrant community and improve the quality of life for our residents through public improvements and high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council, the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic development practitioners, celebrates Economic Development Week each year to increase awareness of economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Albany commends the Community Development Department, its staff, local partners, regional partners, and state partners for their hard work and dedication in promoting economic development projects and sustaining economic development activities in the city.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, join the International Economic Development Council in proclaiming May 8-12 as **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK** in New Albany.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor