

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 businesses are located in the City of Rockville and these businesses employ more than 100,000 people with an annual payroll in excess of \$5,400,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the greater Rockville business area includes 23,457,330 square feet of commercial office space, which is more than 35% of the total office space in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Rockville business sector contributes \$13 million, or 40% of the property taxes collected, to the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of the business community is vital to our City's economic growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate Business Appreciation Week in Rockville and applaud the efforts of our businesses, and the men and women who contribute to their vitality, growth and success

NOW THEREFORE, I, Susan Hoffmann, Mayor, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim March 16-20, 2009 as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Rockville, and encourage all citizens to join in this special recognition.



Susan R. Hoffmann, Mayor



John B. Britton, Councilmember



Piotr Gajewski, Councilmember



Phyllis Maruccio, Councilmember



Anne M. Robbins, Councilmember

March 9, 2009