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Northwest Douglas County Economic Development Corporation and The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County Announce Merger

(Highlands Ranch, CO – January 8, 2018) – The Northwest Douglas County Economic Development Corporation and The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County have announced they have merged as of January 1, 2019. Both organizations serve the Roxborough, Sterling Ranch, Highway 85 Corridor, and Highlands Ranch region and have been strong partners in the past.

"We couldn't be more excited to see these two outstanding organizations, both of which are so deeply embedded in the betterment of our business community, join forces. The future will definitely be bright for the Northwest Douglas County Business environment as we develop and deploy resources to better support the evolving landscape in which our members operate," said Chris Bigger, Schomp Automotive Group and Chairman of the Northwest Douglas County EDC.

The Chamber and EDC began a process to explore merging these two strong business organizations in the Summer of 2018 and both Boards of Directors voted on a formal Plan of Merger with unanimous support in December. The Chamber and the EDC will continue to operate with separate branding, memberships, and programs of work, but will operate as one administrative office. The Northwest Douglas County EDC Board of Directors will be the governing body for overall policy and management. Representatives from the Chamber leadership will serve on the EDC Board of Directors. The Chamber and EDC staff will remain the same.

Tim Lindsey, Owner of Bear Mortgage and Chairman of the Chamber Board of Directors, said "The Chamber of Northwest Douglas County is thrilled to be partnering with The Northwest Douglas County EDC beginning in 2019. With their expertise in bringing new business to our region, and our expertise with fostering businesses, this partnership will help local businesses continue to grow and flourish as our state and region continue to grow in population. The Chamber is excited for the future with the EDC."

“This merger will lead to singularly-focused, collaborative and positive energy benefitting all businesses in Northwest Douglas County,” said Lora Thomas, Chair, Board of Douglas County Commissioners.

The merger will be celebrated at the Annual Luncheon on February 1st at the Denver South Marriott Park Meadows with both Chamber and EDC awards announced. Registration information can be found at www.thechambernwdc.org

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