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National Entrepreneurship Week of February 20-27, 2010 Introduced in Barry County!

Hastings – February 20 – 27, 2010 has been established as National Entrepreneurship Week by the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education. Governor Granholm has followed suit in proclaiming that same week as Michigan’s Entrepreneurship Week. The Barry County Board of Commissioners have brought the support even closer to home by considering a Proclamation declaring the week of February 20 as Barry County’s Entrepreneurship Week which will be brought before the full Board of Commissioners next week.

Valerie Byrnes, President of the Barry County Economic Development Alliance and E-Pillar member introduced the proclamation to the Board of Commissioners at the February 16 Committee of the Whole meeting noting that “During the past 15 years, businesses less than five years old have accounted for about 70 percent of the net job creation in the United States and the E-Pillar would like to enhance the support of our local entrepreneurs with recognition of National Entrepreneurship Week right here in Barry County.”

Supporting the proclamation, the E-Pillar of HomeTown Partners and the Economic Development Alliance are hosting an E-Club kick-off event on February 25 at the Mid Villa Inn Fireside Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The E-Club is an informal networking group that seeks to connect entrepreneurs with their peers, who are also looking to start their own business or bring new ideas and products to the marketplace. Light refreshments will be provided and guest may participate in “speed networking” from 6-6:30 p.m. RSVP for this event with Andre’ at the Chamber of Commerce at 945-2454 or andre@barrychamber.com. There is no cost to attend the event.

For more information on events and activities across the country and information to engage young people on how to get involved in National Entrepreneurship Week, please visit: www.NationaLEWeek.org.

To get involved with the E-Pillar or local entrepreneurial initiatives, please contact E-Pillar Co-Chair Erin Welker at the Barry Community Foundation at 945-0526.

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