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**Clayton County Hires Kevin Gullette, CEcD
As Deputy Director of Economic Development**

Jonesboro, Ga- After an extensive search process the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recently named Kevin Gullette to the position of Deputy Director of Economic Development. Gullette brings with him over 16 years of valuable experience and knowledge to the newly created position.

Prior to joining the county Kevin served as the Executive Director for the Stanly County Economic Development Commission in North Carolina. As Executive Director he was responsible for the development of marketing, product development and business retention and expansion strategies for Stanly County. While fulfilling his duties, that included serving as as the primary recruiter for new industrial and commercial development, Gullette successfully expanded three local industries resulting in the creation of over 120 new jobs and over \$15 million in new investment.

Gullette is pleased to be working in a county that is so strategically located and receptive to new businesses. "Clayton County offers so much potential for success. Home to the world's busiest airport and the strategic logistics center for the southeast, Clayton County is the ideal place for companies looking for access into the global marketplace. I am excited and honored to be part of such a strong team of committed elected officials, development professionals and colleagues," stated the new deputy director.

Some of the goals Gullette has established for himself as he takes on his new role include, developing the county's comprehensive incentive program; establishing a formal business retention and expansion program; lead efforts for a county branding exercise, including new strategic marketing efforts; and calling on as many local companies as possible.

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