## THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, talent, and exceptional Florida Everblades team chemistry won the 2023 Kelly Cup championship on Friday night right inside their home Hertz Arena with a 4-3 win over the Idaho Steelheads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Everblades sold out at the Hertz Arena for the game and had the largest group ever in 25 years with 7,855 standing room only; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Everblades completed a four-game sweep to extend their reign over the ECHL. This is the third time in team history the Florida Everblades won the Kelly Cup Championship with their first win in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Everblades were founded in 1998. They play in the South Division of the Eastern Conference in the ECHL; and

**WHEREAS**, since their inception in 1998, the Florida Everblades have established a reputation as one of the premier organizations in the ECHL; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jon McLain, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, offer the Village of Estero's heartiest congratulations to the Everblades for the Kelly Cup championship.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I Jon McLain, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, do hereby proclaim that the Village recognizes, and we are very proud of the Florida Everblades team outstanding accomplishment of winning the 2023 Kelly Cup championship.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023.

Jon McLain, Mayor	