

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero, Florida has made the following determinations; The family is the indispensable foundation of society; at its best, it performs tasks that no other entity can hope to duplicate. The family has the primary responsibility for nurturing children, transmitting our culture, and building the character traits that make for healthy adults and good citizens. Upon the strength of the family rests the future of our Nation; and;

WHEREAS, For a variety of reasons, however, some parents are unable to provide a minimally acceptable level of care for their children, and temporary or permanent alternative placement is necessary. National Foster Care Month presents an appropriate opportunity for all of us (public officials, business, religious, and community leaders, and parents alike) to reflect on the pressures facing families today and on the need for increased efforts to ensure that abandoned or abused children have the opportunity to live in healthy, loving homes; and

WHEREAS, The emphasis in foster care must be on the well-being of the child, and public policy must serve to promote alternative placement that represents actual care and not mere custody. To accomplish this goal, many more happy and successful families must be willing to step forward and to offer to share heart and home with children desperately longing for both; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month also provides an opportunity to offer public thanks for the sacrifices and dedication of the many foster parents and concerned professionals working in the field of foster care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jon McLain of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, do hereby proclaim that May 2024 be designated as “National Foster Care Awareness Month” in Estero, Florida.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this day of 1st day of May 2024.

Jon McLain, Mayor

