

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS,** the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, talent, and exceptional Florida Everblades team chemistry won the 2024 Kelly Cup championship on Saturday night right inside their home Hertz Arena with a 4-3 win in overtime over the Kansas City Mavericks; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Florida Everblades becomes the first team in the ECHL's 36-year history to win three consecutive titles, while the club's fourth overall championship (2012, 2022, 2023, 2024) sets a new League record; The Everblades appearing in the Kelly Cup Finals for the seventh time, which also established a new ECHL record; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Florida Everblades celebrated its 36th season in 2023-24, the ECHL is the Premier 'AA' Hockey League and is the third-longest tenured professional hockey league behind only the National Hockey League and the American Hockey League 2; 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 2024 Kelly Cup championship.*

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 19th day of June 2024.

Jon McLain, Mayor