THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero has experienced severe weather in the past several years in the form of hurricanes and tropical system events resulting in flooding in both coastal and riverine areas, and this flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings in both high-risk special flood hazard areas and low to moderate risk flood zones; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents, the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA), has declared the week of March 3rd-9th, 2025 as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jon McLain of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, in coordination with Lee County and local area municipalities, do hereby proclaim March 3^{rd} - March 9^{th} as FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN Village of Estero and further encourage the citizens of Village of Estero to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this day of 19th day of February 2025.

Jon McLain, Mayor