

# THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO *PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, the Village of Estero has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or hurricanes, resulting in flooding both coastal and riverine areas, and this flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and*

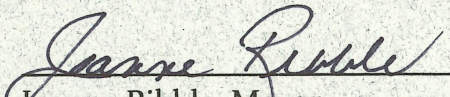
*WHEREAS, the Village of Estero is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards 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 has declared the week of March 9th-15th, 2026, 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.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Estero, proclaims in coordination with Lee County and local area municipalities, March 9th-15th, 2026, as FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO and further encourages the citizens of the 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.*

  
Joanne Ribble, Mayor

