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## Mayor Joanne Ribble Honored with 2026 Home Rule Hero Award

*Mayor Joanne Ribble official recognized for advocacy efforts during the 2026 Legislative Session*

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**Village of Estero, FL** – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, recently recognized Village of Estero Mayor Joanne Ribble with a 2026 Home Rule Hero Award for their hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2026 Legislative Session. Ribble worked tirelessly throughout session to promote local voices making local choices by sharing insights, local data, and real-world examples that helped inform state lawmakers and elevate the voice of Florida’s cities.

“Local voices matter, and during the 2026 Legislative Session, these leaders made sure those voices were heard,” said **FLC Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook**. “By engaging early, often, and thoughtfully, they helped elevate the municipal perspective and reinforce the importance of local decision-making. We sincerely appreciate their dedication and are proud to recognize their advocacy on behalf of Florida’s cities.”

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

Mayor Joanne Ribble will be recognized for this award at our June 3, 2026 Village Council Meeting.

Currently, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities and is the Vice President of the Southwest Florida League Chapter.

Ribble has been a resident of The Colony in Pelican Landing since 2007. She has served as co-chair of the Pelican Landing Unit Owners Committee, served on the Pelican Landing Board of Directors, and was appointed President. In the Colony she served on the Colony Design Review and Standards Committee, Colony Resident Committee and is currently a member of the Colony Foundation Board of Directors.

Her philanthropic experience includes: Ambassador of the Kutztown University Capital Campaign, co-chair of the Children's Hospital Golf Outing at The Colony in Pelican Landing and member of the Estero Forever Foundation.

She is a graduate of Kutztown University with a BS degree in Spanish. She retired from a 30-year career as an educator. She and husband Bill have two daughters and three granddaughters.

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*Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit [flcities.com](http://flcities.com).*



For being a champion in the defense and protection of municipal Home Rule, the Florida League of Cities presents the

**2026**  
**HOME RULE HERO**

to

**MAYOR JOANNE RIBBLE**

VILLAGE OF ESTERO

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**HOLLY D. SMITH**

Vice Mayor, City of Sanibel  
President, Florida League of Cities, Inc.

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**JEANNIE GARNER**

Executive Director and CEO  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.