

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the thirteen American colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming their freedom and establishing the United States of America as a sovereign nation founded upon the principles of liberty, equality, self-governance, and the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary provides an opportunity for all Americans to reflect upon the sacrifices and vision of our Founding Fathers, honor the generations of citizens who have defended and preserved our freedoms, and recommit ourselves to the principles and ideals that unite us as a nation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero recognizes the importance of celebrating our nation's rich history and encouraging residents of all ages to participate in educational, civic, and commemorative activities that honor the legacy of American independence and inspire future generations of engaged citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Joanne Ribble of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, do hereby proclaim that the Village recognizes and celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America and encourages all residents to commemorate this historic occasion by reflecting upon our nation's founding principles and participating in activities that honor the enduring spirit of freedom and democracy.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this day of 2nd day of July 2026.

