

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE 2025 VETERANS DAY EVENT; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday observed annually on November 11, which commemorates and honors the service of all United States military veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero has, between 2017 and 2024, sponsored and conducted six Veterans Day events (no events occurred in 2020 and 2022 due to COVID and Ian) to honor veterans living in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the event has cost the Village between \$2018 and \$7,043 (depending on variables such as whether promotional items were produced and given out, and the costs of advertising); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has historically provided a budget for the Veterans Day event in which staff has kept expenses; and

WHEREAS, for 2025, the Village staff have set aside Saturday, November 8th for the Veterans Day event; and

WHEREAS, while the Village has been preliminarily working on planning elements for the event, the Village Manager has requested the Village Council to establish a budget for the 2205 event, and has recommended exploration of alternative program sponsorship models for future years; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has considered the event's history, the Village Manager's input, and finds that the provisions of this Resolution are in the Village's best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, that:

Section 1. 2025 Veterans Day Event Budget

- a. The total expenditures for the 2025 Estero Veterans Day event shall not exceed \$_____.
- b. The Village Manager and relevant Village staff are authorized to acquire the services and commodities necessary to conduct the event.
- c. Donated items or services shall be accepted by the Village Manager to reduce event costs to the extent the Manager determines doing so is in keeping with the Village's overall interests.

Section 2. Future Events—Alternative Sponsorship Model

- a. In keeping with the "government lite" philosophy of the Village, the Village Manager is directed to explore opportunities for the Village to allow a private entity to put on the Veterans Day event in the future where the Village may be a financial sponsor of the event, but would not be required to expend staff time and resources in the direct planning of the event.

- b. If the Village Manager is successful in identifying a suitable entity to put on the event, the Manager is authorized to develop, with the assistance of the Village Attorney, such sponsorship agreement as may be necessary to ensure the event remains at a level of quality sought by the Village, and to ensure the Village's legal interests are addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Resolution is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Resolution shall withstand any severed provision, as the Village Council would have adopted the Resolution even absent the invalid part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of September, 2025.

Attest:

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Carol Sacco, Village Clerk