RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 29

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE LEE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC IN CAPE CORAL; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Veterans Affairs Clinic (the "Clinic") is located within the City of Cape Coral; and

WHEREAS, the vacant land adjacent to the Clinic is available for purchase and the purchase of this land by the County would allow for the expansion of the Clinic campus; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero recognizes the benefits to the veteran community and their families and caregivers to expand the Clinic to include a full-service veterans hospital, a veterans home campus for independent, assisted, and full nursing and memory care, and to increase healthcare availability for the veteran community; and

WHEREAS, the Village supports the establishment of the Southwest Florida VA Hospital Task Force, which will coordinate with the Lee County Board of County Commissioners Veterans Advisory Committee, and assist with securing the necessary political commitments and legislative funding approvals for land acquisition and Clinic expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lee County and in particular of the Village of Estero who are veterans, and their families, to adopt this Resolution.

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

Section 1. The Village of Estero supports the expansion of the Lee County Veterans Affairs Clinic to include facilities and programs such as the creation of a full-service veterans hospital and a veterans home campus for independent, assisted, and full nursing and memory care.

Section 2. The Village supports the creation of a Southwest Florida VA Hospital Task Force.

Section 3. The Village Manager is authorized to coordinate with other local governments in Lee County, with the legislative delegation, and with any other supportive organizations or officials to seek support for land acquisition and associated expansion on the Clinic.

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 18th day of November, 2026.

Attest:

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Joanne Ribble, Mayor

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Carol Sacco, Village Clerk