

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Medal is the United States military's third-highest decoration for valor in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Lewis, a combat controller with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron was honored with the Silver Star Medal for his heroic actions while deployed in Mosul, Iraq, in Operation Inherent Resolve; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Lewis helped secure the safety of his Special Operations team and more than 300 partner soldiers during a 10-hour firefight; and

WHEREAS, America has found in our service men and women, the leadership, courage, and determination needed to overcome all forms of despicable threats to our nation and its freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero is committed to recognizing and honoring the many fine individuals who make the world a better and safer place for new generations of Americans who will continue to reap the benefits of such a proud legacy of selfless service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James R. Boesch, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaim that the Village of Estero recognizes and honors Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Lewis for his actions of bravery and heroism while deployed in Mosul, Iraq.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 7th day of February, 2018.

James R. Boesch, Mayor