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**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECONSIDER THEIR VOTE ON DECEMBER 4, 2018 AND REINSTATE THE NAME OF THE DON ESLICK BRIDGE IN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners considered this matter as a late agenda item from one Commissioner without advance notice to other County Commissioners, any prior public notice, advice from the Village of Estero or other Estero community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, no rationale or names of advocates of this action have been provided to explain the change in the name of the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Estero Parkway Bridge over I-75 has been named the Don Eslick Bridge since the unanimous action by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the bridge is fully within the Village of Estero but is owned and maintained by Lee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the name of the bridge was designated in recognition of Don Eslick's leadership and vision that inspired the development of the bridge and ultimately the Village of Estero itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the numerous other public facilities carry the recognition and name of a living contributor; and

**WHEREAS**, the (entire) Village Council has received an outpouring of community response in total opposition to this action.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

**Section 1.** That the Village Council of the Village of Estero respectfully requests that the Lee County Board of County Commissioners reconsider their vote on December 4, 2018 which removes the name of the Don Eslick Bridge.

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**Section 2.** That the Village Council of the Village of Estero respectfully urges and recommends that the Lee County Board of County Commissioners restore the name of the Don Eslick Bridge.

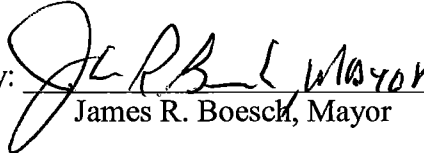
**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL** of the Village of Estero, Florida this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.


Attest:

**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

By:   
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By:   
James R. Boesch, Mayor

Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

By:   
Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney