

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January 2019 has been designated as National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and community organizations founded one of the first human trafficking task forces in the country in 2005 which continues to be actively involved in the fight against modern day slavery through the U.S. Attorney's Southwest Florida Human Trafficking Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is recognized as one of three states with the highest incidence of human trafficking and also as one of the states which is doing the most to combat this crime in terms of legislation and victims treated; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County School District and Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships are collaborating on programs in the middle and high schools to teach children about the dangers of trafficking and how to protect themselves; and

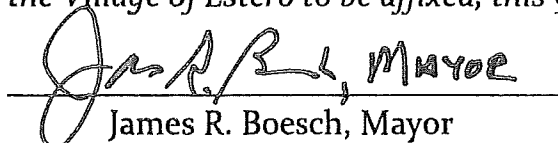
WHEREAS, the US Attorney's Human Trafficking Task Force, Abuse Counseling Treatment, Our Mothers Home, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, New Horizons of Southwest Florida, FGCU, FSW, Hodges University, Keiser University and Lee Health are working collaboratively to build awareness through community and educational events and trainings, prevention programs for youth, businesses and medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships has conducted programs in the Village of Estero in partnership with groups like the Our Mothers Home and New Horizons which promote prevention and awareness of human trafficking in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida that the month of January, 2019, be designated as:

***Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month
in the Village of Estero, Florida***

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 9th day of January, 2019.


James R. Boesch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

