

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, *The Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit, raises money for land conservation and works to protect green spaces, structures, negotiates, and executes conservation transactions that benefit the whole community and has been connecting communities to the outdoors, and to each other, since 1972; and*

WHEREAS, *The Trust for Public Land's mission is to create parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come; and*

WHEREAS, *The Trust for Public Land's goal is to ensure that every child has easy access to a safe place to play in nature, by conserving working farms, ranches, and forests; lands of historical and cultural importance; rivers, streams, coasts, and watersheds; and other special places where people can experience nature close at hand; and*

WHEREAS, *Kate Brown, Senior Project Manager for The Trust for Public Land, successfully facilitated land purchase negotiations between Village Partners, LLC and the Village of Estero for the purchase of 62.2 acres of land adjacent to the Estero River; and*

WHEREAS, *it was deemed necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the Village of Estero and its residents, to proceed with the purchase of the Property, and such purchase will serve a paramount public purpose; and*

WHEREAS, *the transaction for the land purchase known as "Estero on the River" closed on January 14, 2019.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *be it proclaimed that the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, hereby recognizes the extraordinary and tireless efforts of Kate Brown and The Trust for Public Land in bringing the parties together for the successful land purchase transaction.*

IN WITNESS THEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 23rd day of January, 2018.*

James R. Boesch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk