

# THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, *The Lee Health System is a nationally recognized, award-winning institution, founded more than one century ago in 1916, providing exceptional acute and specialty care through five hospitals, a trauma center, and many outpatient locations; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Lee Health System opened the beautiful Estero Coconut Point facility in December 2019; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in late February 2020, Lee Health began preparing for the potential Coronavirus outbreak; as of May 20, 2020 the Lee Health System has treated and safely discharged more than 400 COVID-19 patients and tested more than 12,000 individuals in the community; and*

**WHEREAS**, *due to the exceptional work of Lee Health's frontline heroes and our responsive community, it became evident by mid-May, 2020, that the curve has been flattening and the difficult decisions made to ensure bed capacity for COVID-19 patients had worked; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Lee Health System health care professionals are referred to as "Unsung Heroes" working tirelessly in all aspects of the system supporting the doctors and nurses on the front lines, as well as showing their dedication to caring for and serving others by facing the COVID-19 pandemic head-on with bravery and resilience; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Lee Health System hospitals are open, safe, ready, and will continue to be Southwest Florida leaders in healthcare.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, *be it proclaimed that the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, hereby recognizes and applauds the extraordinary Lee Health System "Unsung Heroes" and encourages all citizens to show their support for our health care heroes.*

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Estero to be affixed, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.*

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Bill Ribble, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk