

1 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07**

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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA; HONORING**
7 **NICHOLAS BATOS, ESTERO’S FIRST MAYOR, AND**
8 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos was actively involved in the process that resulted in
11 the incorporation of the Village of Estero on December 31, 2014; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos served as the first Mayor and Councilmember of the
14 Village of Estero Council from March 17, 2015 to March 15, 2021, representing District
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17 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos also served as the Chairman of the Estero Council
18 of Community Leaders (ECCL) from 2012 through 2014 and led the successful effort to
19 place the incorporation of Estero on the November 2014 ballot, which passed by a
20 resounding 86 percent; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos, as one of the founding fathers of the Village,
23 established a legacy of unparalleled accomplishments that will serve the community for
24 generations to come and helped define the principles of “government lite” to mean
25 operations of the Village with only 10 full-time staff for a community of over 35,000 in
26 population; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos was instrumental in establishing financial reserves
29 at a level of 12 months of operating revenue, one of the highest reserves in Southwest
30 Florida and lowered the Village Property Tax rate in 4 of the 6 years in office resulting in
31 the lowest tax rate in all of Southwest Florida; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos, further worked to define the Village’s operating
34 principles to include the highest level of transparency, the highest standards for financial
35 audits and the highest standards for public decorum and ethical conduct; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos was a strong advocate for the establishment of
38 formal Master Plans in each of the areas of operational responsibility to be used to inform
39 and guide the Village’s service to the community. These include the Storm Water Master
40 Plan, the Village-wide traffic study, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan,
41 and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero Council, Staff, and Citizenry wish to show
44 appreciation and acknowledgement to Nicholas Batos for his faithful service to the
45 Village of Estero; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katy Errington, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, on behalf of the members of the Village Council, Village Staff, and the Citizens of Estero, do hereby express heartfelt thanks and commendations to Nicholas Batos for his dedicated service to the Village of Estero and his commitment to making Estero “a crown jewel” for Southwest Florida.

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero, Florida this 24th day of March, 2021.

Attest:

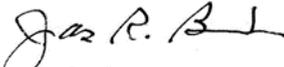
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: 
Mayor, Katy Errington

By: 
Vice Mayor, Jon McLain


Councilmember, Joanne Ribble


Councilmember, Larry Fiesel


Councilmember, Jim Boesch


Councilmember, Jim Ward


Councilmember, Jim Wilson

Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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By: 
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