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VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
COLLABORATIVE PLANNING EFFORTS BETWEEN THE
VILLAGE OF ESTERO AND THE KORESHAN STATE
PARK AND THE ESTERO BAY PRESERVE STATE PARK;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero holds the Koreshan State Park and the Estero Bay Preserve State Park as two of the most significant recreational and environmental assets of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero has only recently incorporated and has not had the opportunity to contribute to the planning of improvements and amenities in the Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero commits to be actively engaged with the Parks' administration to create an even better set of recreational resources at the Parks.

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

Section 1. The Village of Estero supports the Parks and encourages the Parks' leadership to become an even more active part of our community and the Village Center specifically.

Section 2. The Village supports the expansion of recreational opportunities, including but not limited to the following:

- Upgrades of the canoe and kayak launch at Koreshan, and the development of additional canoe and kayak shore facilities in the Estero Bay Preserve Park,
- Adding separate boat launch facilities at both Parks,
- Adding, with parking, boat transport options for residents to reach Lover's Key and other beach locations directly from Estero and as part of this enhancement consider electric boat launches to maintain the quiet and natural setting of the Estero River,
- Adding interpretive tours of Mound Key,
- Adding a nature walk, boardwalk and floating walkway along the entire length of the Estero River to connect the State Parks, as well as connecting the State Parks to other community recreational assets,
- Adding a pedestrian bridge from the Koreshan Park to the State owned Florida Forever property northwest of the Boomer property,

- Focus on maintaining a natural setting along the Estero River where possible and throughout the Parks while facilitating access via enhanced trails,
- Changing the name of the Koreshan State Park to Estero River/Koreshan Historic Site State Park,
- Exploring environmental research facilities and environmental restoration through the Florida Gulf Coast University Environmental Studies Group.

Section 3. The Village holds open the possibility of joint funding of certain recreational and environmental improvements believed to be in the best interests of our community.

Section 4. The Village requests to be considered an active partner with the Parks' administration on issues of Parks development.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero, Florida this 6th day of July, 2016.

Attest:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: Nicholas Batos
Nicholas Batos, Mayor

Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney