

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 24

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EVERGLADES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION ACT, HR 4667 PROVIDING EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE, THE EVERGLADES LAND ACQUISITION ACT OF 2016, AND THE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP FOR CLEAN WATER LAND ACQUISITION ACT OF 2016; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Everglades for the Next Generation Act (HR 4436), amends the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan; and

WHEREAS, HR 4667, provides \$800 million of emergency funding to expedite repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike and requires completion of this critical project by December 31, 2020, four to six years ahead of current schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades Land Acquisition Act of 2016 (HR 4793), would set aside \$500 million for the Department of Interior to purchase lands south of Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Partnership for Clean Water Land Acquisition Act of 2016 (HR 5870), creates a grant program to help states pay for up to 50% of the cost of land purchases to improve water quality and authorizes \$750 million per year to fund the program; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council is supportive of projects which will provide solutions, both short and long term, to the devastating freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee currently being suffered by the Caloosahatchee River and estuaries and the St. Lucie River and estuaries;

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

Section 1. The Village Council hereby registers its support for the proposed legislative acts known as the Everglades for the Next Generation Act, HR 4667 providing emergency funding for repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike, the Everglades Land Acquisition Act of 2016 and the Federal Partnership for Clean Water Land Acquisition Act of 2016.

44 **Section 2.** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward this Resolution to
45 Representatives Curt Clawson, Patrick Murphy, and Alcee Hastings, with copies to all of the
46 remainder of Florida's Federal Legislative Representatives.
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48 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
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50 **ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL** of the Village of Estero, Florida this
51 21st day of September, 2016.
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53 Attest:

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56 By: Kathy Hall
57 Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk
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By: Nicholas Batos
Nicholas Batos, Mayor

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60 Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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62 By: Burt H. Saunders
63 Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney
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