

# THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Lee Memorial Health System began serving the Fort Myers community on October 3, 1916, with its first hospital, Lee County Hospital, built with \$300 set aside by a group of community leaders and donated lumber from a dismantled courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, from a small two-story hospital with only four rooms and fifteen beds, to a health system with 1,426 beds, four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, and over one million patient contacts each year, Lee Memorial Health System has become the largest public health system in the state that does not receive direct tax support and one of the largest public, not-for-profit health systems in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Memorial Health System is one of the region's largest employers, with more than 11,000 dedicated employees, including 300 physicians and advanced practice clinicians, and is supported by 4,500 volunteers and auxiliaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Memorial Health System's mission is to meet the health care needs and improve the health status of the people of Southwest Florida and strive to be the best patient and family-centered health care system by delivering quality, safe, efficient, and compassionate health care; and

**WHEREAS**, since opening its first hospital a century ago, Lee Memorial Health System remains the bedrock of the community by offering acute care, emergency care, rehabilitative and diagnostic services, health and wellness education, community outreach, and advocacy programs throughout its five-county region; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the dedication of its employees, volunteers, and supporters, Lee Memorial Health System has received many awards and recognitions, including the Healthgrades 2015 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, given only to the top five percent of the more than 4,500 hospitals evaluated nationwide, for its outstanding clinical performance, and continues to offer quality service with a passion for improving the overall health of its community and nationwide as it celebrates 100 years of caring for its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESPECTFULLY PROCLAIMED** that Lee Memorial Health System is congratulated on the occasion of its centennial anniversary on October 3, 2016, and recognized for its contributions to the community, and that residents are encouraged to celebrate and recognize the hard work and contribution of its board of directors, physicians, nurses, employees, volunteers, auxiliaries, and donors to the success of Lee Memorial Health System.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Estero, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2016.

---

Nicholas Batos, Mayor

