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**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, 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**, Representative Clawson and Representative Murphy have introduced new legislation, the Federal Partnership for Clean Water Land Acquisition Act of 2016, which 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 Everglades for the Next Generation Act is another proposed bill which provides \$800 million of emergency funding to expedite repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike and requires completion of that critical project by December 31, 2020, four to six years ahead of current schedule and, further, would also provide the option of temporarily holding more water in the lake during periods of heavy rains; and

**WHEREAS**, the Everglades Land Acquisition Act of 2016 is another proposed bill which would set aside \$500 million for the Department of Interior to purchase lands south of Lake Okeechobee; 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, the Everglades Land Acquisition Act of 2016 and the Federal Partnership for Clean Water Land Acquisition Act of 2016.

**Section 2.** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward this Resolution to Representative Curt Clawson and Representative Patrick Murphy, with copies to all of the remainder of Florida's Federal Legislative Representatives.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

46           **ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL** of the Village of Estero, Florida this  
47 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

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50 Attest:

**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

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53 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
54       Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Batos, Mayor

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57 Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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61       Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney