



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas: The health of Estero Bay and its watershed was the focus of a Symposium on September 27-28, 2009; and

Whereas: The event was sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Florida Gulf Coast University, the Responsible Growth Management Coalition, the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, the FGCU Progressive Student Alliance, and the FGCU Environment Association; and

Whereas: The current real estate market conditions are providing an unprecedented opportunity to acquire conservation lands; and

Whereas: Lee County established the Conservation 20/20 Program to acquire, restore and maintain environmentally sensitive lands; and

Whereas: The Symposium collected \$2,255 in donations for the Lee County Conservation 20/20 Program to acquire conservation lands in the Estero Bay Watershed; and


Whereas: Donations came from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$1,000, from the sale of art by local artists depicting their interpretations of the Estero Bay Watershed, and from a fund-raising dinner featuring Craig Pittman, author of *Paving Paradise: Florida's Vanishing Wetlands and the Failure of No Net Loss*, which highlights many environmental issues of concern in Southwest Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous contribution to the Conservation 20/20 Program made on behalf of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management, and presented by the Estero Bay Watershed Public Symposium Planning Committee for the purchase of environmentally sensitive land in the Estero Bay Watershed.

Duly Executed this 1st Day of December 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairwoman