



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: October 8, 2025

Originating Department: Town Clerk

Agenda Title: Proclamation - Gold Star Mother's and Family Day - September 28, 2025

Agenda Category (i.e., Consent, New Business, etc.): Special Presentation

Approved by Town Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost of Item: \$0.00 **Funding Source:** _____

Account Number: _____ **Finance Signature:** _____

Advertised:

Date: _____ **Newspaper:** _____

Attachments: Proclamation

Please initial one:

VM Yes I have notified everyone

_____ Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

The term Gold Star family is a modern reference that comes from the Service Flag. These flags/banners was first flown by families during World War I. The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States were engaged. In the event of a death, that blue star is replaced with a gold variant — the highest honor. In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt began honoring the mothers of deceased service members and designated the last Sunday of September as National Gold Star Mother's Day. In 2011, President Barack Obama amended to include families and designated it as Gold Star Mother's and Family Day.

Honoring the Gold Star families has been very important to the Town of Lake Park since the 1970's, when the Garden Club of Lake Park had maintained a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker in Kelsey Park. In

2018, the Gold Star Family Memorial Marker was reinstalled in Kelsey Park, where it remains to this day. The Town Commission wishes to honor Gold Star Mother's and Families with this proclamation.

Ms. Lauren Berkson will be in attendance to accept the proclamation on behalf of Gold Star Mother's and Families.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve the proclamation recognizing September 28, 2025 as Gold Star Mother's and Family Day.