

Proclamation

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month, known as *Mes de la Herencia Hispana*, is celebrated throughout the United States from September 15 through October 15 each year. The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to encompass the month-long celebration recognized today; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in the history of Florida and have made lasting contributions in the fields of government, business, science, technology, education, agriculture, the arts, and countless other professions; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans share a rich cultural and linguistic heritage and continue to strengthen our communities through their innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, and dedication to public service; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have enriched the social, intellectual, and artistic fabric of the United States and have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the traditions, achievements, and enduring contributions of Hispanic Americans while recognizing the diversity that strengthens our nation and our community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month allows the residents of the City of Westlake to recognize, appreciate, and honor the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to our community and to the nation as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, I, JOHNPAUL O’CONNOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, DECLARE AND RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2026, AS;

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AND ask all residents to recognize the significant contributions Hispanic Americans make to our City and our nation and celebrate the enrichment of our community created by the heritage and culture of generations of Hispanic Americans in all aspects of civic life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 1st day of September 2026.

JohnPaul O’Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC
City Clerk