

Proclamation

Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

WHEREAS, the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001, provides an opportunity for our nation to pause and remember the lives lost, reflect upon the events that forever changed our country, and honor the enduring legacy of those who demonstrated extraordinary courage and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit that moved countless first responders, rescue workers, military personnel, volunteers, and other public servants to act courageously in the face of danger that September morning and in the days that followed, many of whom faced lasting physical and emotional challenges as a result of their service; and

WHEREAS, the families, loved ones, and communities of those who perished on September 11, 2001, continue to carry their memories and legacies, and their strength and resilience remain an enduring part of our nation's story; and

WHEREAS, as September 11, 2001, becomes increasingly distant in time for a new generation, it remains important to preserve the memory of that day and to teach future generations about the courage, compassion, unity, and self-sacrifice demonstrated in its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, on this anniversary, the City of Westlake recognizes that the spirit of September 11 is reflected not only in extraordinary acts of heroism, but also in the everyday commitment of neighbors helping neighbors and individuals working together to strengthen and protect their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 11, 2026, AS

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in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001, to honor the memory of those who lost their lives, recognize the courage and sacrifice of our first responders and members of the armed forces, express our gratitude to all who continue to serve and protect our community and our nation, and rededicate ourselves to the ideals of service, unity, compassion, and resilience that define the American spirit.

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