

Proclamation

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2026 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black history throughout our American experience, which dates thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced, and innovative societies that we can all draw inspiration from; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme; and

WHEREAS, because of their determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to our county and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society, including business, education, politics, science, athletics and the arts; and

WHEREAS, this observance presents a special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage and to honor the many black leaders who have played a part in the progress of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor of the City of Westlake, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as: Black History Month in the City of Westlake.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 3rd day of February 2026.

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Odet Izquierdo
Acting City Clerk