

Proclamation

DECLARING OCTOBER 2026 NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of individuals and families from every background and in communities across our Nation and remains one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 321,910 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the United States in 2026, and approximately 42,140 women are expected to lose their lives to the disease; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we honor those we have lost, support those currently facing breast cancer, celebrate survivors, and recognize the families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocates who remain committed to the fight against this disease; and

WHEREAS, although breast cancer can affect anyone with breast tissue, certain factors may increase an individual's risk, including age, family history, genetics, breast density, alcohol consumption, and other personal and lifestyle factors; and

WHEREAS, early detection remains an important tool in the fight against breast cancer, as screening mammograms can detect breast cancer before symptoms appear and may help identify the disease at an earlier stage when it can be easier to treat; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness, encourage individuals to understand their personal risk, discuss appropriate screening with their healthcare providers, and support those whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

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, DO HEREBY OFFICIALLY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2026 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 6th day of October 2026.

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC
City Clerk

