

# *Proclamation*

## **DECLARING MAY 14-20, 2024 AS FLORIDA WATER REUSE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors and

**WHEREAS**, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources and is key to the state's sustainable water future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is more than 1.8 billion gallons per day (approximately 70 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse -- reusing nearly 820 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and recharge our freshwater resources; and

**WHEREAS**, May, typically a dry month when water demands are high, is a good time to educate residents about how they can help save Florida's precious water resources through water reuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Water Reuse Florida, the state section of the Water Reuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 14-20, 2024, as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westlake has joined with Water Reuse Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westlake encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

**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 AND RECOGNIZE MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20, 2024, AS:**

### ***WATER REUSE WEEK***

The foregoing proclamation was sponsored by Vice Mayor Greg Langowski, and upon unanimous consent of the Council, the Mayor declared the proclamation duly enacted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Zoie P. Burgess, CMC  
City Clerk