

# *Proclamation*

## **IN REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION OF VETERANS**

**WHEREAS** our Veterans represent the very best of America. The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

**WHEREAS** tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

**WHEREAS** the freedoms we enjoy as Americans do not come without a price. Our nation's Veterans have sacrificed to preserve and protect our country and constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic; and

**WHEREAS** hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

**WHEREAS** our veterans understand the important task before the American service men and women now keeping watch; and

**WHEREAS** our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

**WHEREAS** their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideas on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us.

**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, HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR VETERANS TO THE PRINCIPALS OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS; AND,**

**FURTHER,** we are sincerely grateful for the service and sacrifice of all Veterans. I call upon the residents of the City of Westlake to join me in honoring the contributions of our Veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2024.

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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Zoie P. Burgess, CMC  
City Clerk