

Proclamation

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the week of September 7th through 13th, 2025 is National Suicide Prevention Week, and September 2025 is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time during which individuals, organizations, and communities join their voices to amplify the message that suicide can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, these observances are united in raising awareness that prevention is possible, treatment is effective, and people do recover; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Suicide Framework emphasizes that even one life lost to suicide is too many; and

WHEREAS, there is a call for a public health response to increase suicide intervention and prevention efforts with increased community-level efforts and strategies; and

WHEREAS, we know that being kind, asking directly about suicide, and fostering social connection can save lives; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we educate and encourage relatives, friends, co-workers, and providers about the signs of suicidal ideation, and that it affects all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, we believe it takes all of us, doing what we can, to create a community without suicide; 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, DECLARE AND RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 2025 AS;

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and urge all citizens to join me in doing what they can by being kind, curious, and connected to end suicide in Westlake.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be
affixed this 2nd day of September 2025.

JohnPaul O’Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoie P. Burgess, CMC
City Clerk