

# *Proclamation*

## **Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance**

WHEREAS, twenty four years ago on September 11, 2001, America was suddenly and brutally attacked by terrorists and thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit that moved rescue workers and firefighters to charge into darkness and danger that September morning, our Nation was united to stand strong and show its resilience in the face of tragedy. The enemy attempted to tear at the fabric of our society by destroying our buildings and murdering our innocent, but our strength did not and will not waiver; and

WHEREAS, on this anniversary, all citizens of Westlake are urged to observe a moment of silence to honor those who were lost as a result of these attacks and are encouraged to thank our Nation's incredible service members and first responders, many of who are on the front lines of our fight against terrorism. We will always remember the sacrifices made in defense of our people, our country and our freedom;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, AS A,**

### **DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

to honor those no longer with us, to give thanks to our first responders for all they have done and continue to do and to rededicate ourselves to the ideals that define our country and unite us as one.

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

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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Zoie P. Burgess, CMC  
City Clerk