

# *Proclamation*

## **DECLARING JANUARY 19, 2026 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's has profoundly impacted the course of American history and continues to shape the direction and debate of our society; and

**WHEREAS** one of the great leaders of that 20<sup>th</sup> century movement is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose "dream" is no less inspirational and important today than when he first expressed it more than 50 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, even with the gains of the Civil Rights movement over the years, there are many goals and needs that must be pursued to continue our commitment to achieve justice in our society, including a commitment to economic justice in the face of increasing disparity between rich and poor; and

**WHEREAS**, as we look forward to the future with optimism—inspired by Dr. King's legacy and informed by his wisdom and vision—let us rededicate ourselves to keeping his dream alive and be reminded that we are united together as one community.

**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 JANUARY 19, 2026:

### **"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY"**

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF WESTLAKE** that this proclamation is duly sealed, ribboned and approved by the members of this Council.

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

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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Odet Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk

