

Proclamation

DECLARING JANUARY 27, 2026 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated January 27 as an annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, January 27, 2026, marks 81 years since the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in German-occupied Poland; and

WHEREAS, the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, with the official commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day we promote Holocaust education throughout the world. It is imperative to affirmatively speak out and oppose hatred and actions to attack, murder, or commit other heinous acts against people because of their religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, disabilities or other qualities of their personhood; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Day has been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect and non-discriminatory acceptance of all peoples and to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

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 27, 2026:

“HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE 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 6th day of January 2026.

JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Odet Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk

