

Proclamation

DECLARING MARCH 2026 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1987, the United States Congress named the month of March as “Women’s History Month” in special recognition of the many contributions women have made to our country’s history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westlake is proud to join in the celebration of Women’s History Month, and the 2026 theme, **Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations**, recognizing women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role women in history play has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history;

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 MARCH 2026:

“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”

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 3rd day of March 2026.

JohnPaul O’Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Odet Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk