

# *Proclamation*

## **DECLARING MAY 17-23, 2026 AS CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA WATER REUSE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors and

**WHEREAS**, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources and is key to the state's sustainable water future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is more than 1.8 billion gallons per day (approximately 70 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse -- reusing nearly 820 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and recharge our freshwater resources; and

**WHEREAS**, May, typically a dry month when water demands are high, is a good time to educate residents about how they can help save Florida's precious water resources through water reuse; and

**WHEREAS**, WaterReuse Florida, the state section of the WaterReuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 17-23, 2026, as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westlake has joined with WaterReuse Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westlake encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR, OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, HEREBY SUPPORTS WATERREUSE FLORIDA AND PROCLAIMS MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2026, AS:**

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in the State of Florida. The City of Westlake, Florida is calling upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious water resources by practicing water conservation and efficient and effective use reclaimed water.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Odete Izquierdo, Acting City Clerk