

## PROCLAMATION NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

WHEREAS, Homeownership is defined as an individual owning a home in which they live, allowing them to become a permanent member of the community and having an investment to pass down to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County offers programs to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities to residents of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County encourages homeownership and promotes the accessibility of quality, affordable housing as a vital aspect of maintaining a robust, stable community; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County acknowledges that homeownership plays a critical role in strengthening families and as a pathway to self-sufficiency, improved health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County offers homeowner educational programs which give families the tools and information that can improve their financial future; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County maintains active partnerships with financial institutions, social service agencies, businesses, community housing providers, and others to enhance a commitment to successful communal actions to increase the prospects of ensuring affordable housing obtainability.

WHEREAS, Weitz Construction Academy at Seminole Ridge High School is a certified, National Career Academy Coalition program designed for students seeking a career in the construction industry upon graduation and for students desiring to obtain a post-secondary degree in construction-related fields, partners with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County to build affordable homes and increase homeownership; and

WHEREAS, Weitz Construction Academy at Seminole Ridge High School maintains active partnerships with business partners, donors, volunteers professionals, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers, providing training, mentoring, and resources to support and ensure the success of the program and to enhance the ability of students to contribute to their community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF WESTLAKE that this proclamation is duly sealed, ribboned and approved by the members of this Council. The foregoing proclamation was sponsored by Councilwoman Charlotte Leonard, and upon unanimous consent of the Council, the Mayor declared the proclamation duly enacted.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 11th day of

> > JohnPaul O'Connor, Mayor

July 2023.

ATTEST:

P. Burgess, CM