

# *Proclamation*

## **A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVES LOST, AND THOSE WHO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO PROTECT AND SERVE**

**WHEREAS**, over twenty years ago on September 11, 2001, the entire Nation was shaken and altered due to the sudden and brutal attacks by terrorists who hijacked four civilian aircrafts leaving thousands of innocent Americans dead and injured;

**WHEREAS**, that September morning, the enemy made its attempt to tear at the fabric of our society by attacking innocent civilians and our infrastructure. Rescue workers and firefighters made no hesitation when selflessly entering darkness and danger, amid horror and tragedy our Nation remained unified and resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit that moved rescue workers and firefighters to charge into darkness and danger that September morning, our Nation was united to stand strong and show its resilience in the face of tragedy. The enemy attempted to tear at the fabric of our society by destroying our buildings and murdering our innocent, but our strength did not and will not waiver; and

**WHEREAS**, on this anniversary, all citizens of Westlake are urged to observe a moment of silence to honor those who were lost as a result of these attacks and are encouraged to thank our Nation's incredible service members and first responders, many of whom are on the front lines of our fight against terrorism. We will always remember the sacrifices made in defense of our people, our country and our freedom;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, DOES  
HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, AS A,**

### **“DAY OF REMEMBRANCE”**

Honoring those who are no longer with us, while giving thanks to our first responders that continue to make these sacrifices for the betterment of our country and to reinstall the core values of this nation that unifies us all together.

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 September 2023.

  
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John Paul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Zoie P. Burgess, CMC  
City Clerk