

# *Proclamation*

## **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month, known as “Mes de Herencia Hispana”, is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th each year. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, to cover the month at which it is celebrated today; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in Florida’s history, before the early pioneer days of our current legacy of leaders in international trade; technology; education; and aerospace; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans share a rich, cultural and linguistic heritage and are a vital part of our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans have enriched our social, intellectual and artistic life in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans are the youngest and fastest growing segment of the U.S., and are expected to contribute 62% of the nation’s population growth through 2050; and

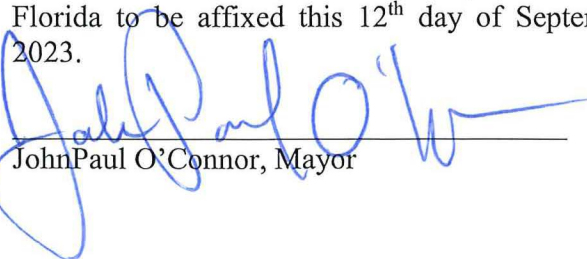
**WHEREAS**, celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, allows us to appreciate and validate the diversity and character of our community.

**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 SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2023, AS;**


**“NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE 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. The foregoing proclamation was sponsored by Vice Mayor Langowski, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
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JohnPaul O’Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Zoje P. Burgess, CMC  
City Clerk