

IN REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION OF VETERANS

WHEREAS, our Veterans represent the very best of America. They have bravely answered the call to serve in the finest military force in the world, and they have earned the dignity that comes with wearing the uniform and defending our great flag; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day we remember these heroes for their valor, loyalty, dedication and encourage all Americans to recognize the fortitude and sacrifice of our Veterans through public ceremonies and private thoughts and prayers; and

WHEREAS, we continue to be inspired by the patriotism and dedication of those in uniform who continue to defend the principles on which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans do not come without a price. Our nation's Veterans have sacrificed to preserve and protect our country and constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, courageous men and woman have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideas on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us.

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, HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR VETERANS TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS; AND,

FURTHER, I am sincerely grateful for the service and sacrifice of all Veterans. I call upon the residents of the City of Westlake to join me in honoring the contributions of our Veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Westlake, Florida to be affixed this 7th day of

November 2023.

John Paul O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoie/P. Burgess, CMC

City Clerk