

CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

Wreaths Across America Day | December 13, 2025

WHEREAS, in 1992, Morrill Worcester began the tradition of laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery each holiday season to honor the men and women in each branch of the military, including those still Missing in Action and Prisoners of War; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Wreaths Across America, a national nonprofit organization, was founded to continue to expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery across the country; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America's year-long mission is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation about the true cost of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is made up of more than 4,900 participating locations across the country run by dedicated volunteers looking to share their mission through annual wreath-laying ceremonies each December and awareness and education events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme for Wreaths Across America is "Keep Moving Forward," as there will always be challenges to overcome as individuals, communities and a country but we must keep moving forward together; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park extends thanks and appreciation to our veterans and Gold Star Families for their service and sacrifice as we lay wreaths in Palm and Pineywood Cemeteries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, as **"Wreaths Across America Day"** in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 13th day of December 2025.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor