

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Venice, Florida, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Venice; and

Whereas, cooking safety works to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe and;

Whereas, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; cooking is also the leading cause of home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires and related deaths according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and;

Whereas, Venice residents should remain aware in and around the kitchen where cooking hazards exist along with ways to prevent them and;

Whereas, always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully and;

Whereas, clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels and;

Whereas, turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner and;
Whereas, Venice residents should create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Whereas, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

Now, Therefore, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Venice and urge all citizens to follow these recommendations and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Venice Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2023.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 10th day of October, 2023.*

Nick Pachota, Mayor