

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Florida's natural resources are a significant contributor to our economy and quality of life, and Florida's native plants provide both economic and ecological benefits;

WHEREAS, native plants, and their relationships with insects and other arthropods, create the biological foundation for all ecosystems and life on Earth;

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the most biodiverse states in the US, yet has one of the highest numbers of threatened and endangered native plants;

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 native plant species inhabit Florida and at least 256 species are endemic to Florida and do not occur anywhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, October is a spectacular time to view native plants in bloom in the many City of Venice parks, such as the North and South Brohard Parks and the Venice Myakka River Park;

WHEREAS, in addition to parks, native plants add beauty and sustainability to home, commercial, governmental, and other landscapes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, on behalf of Venice City Council, do hereby recognize the month of October 2025 as

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

and all citizens, businesses, local government, and others are encouraged to plant native and protect native habitats and the ecosystems upon which we depend.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Nick Pachota, Mayor