

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS** May is recognized nationwide as National Foster Care Month, a time to raise awareness and support children and families impacted by foster care; and

**WHEREAS** There are 368,500 children in the U.S. Foster system; and

**WHEREAS** Children entering foster care often face uncertainty and arrive with few personal belongings, making community support critical to their stability and well-being; and

**WHEREAS** National Foster Care Month recognizes the vital role of caregivers, the needs of youth, and encourages community involvement to support children and families; and

**WHEREAS** For the past ten years, The Twig Cares, Inc. has served the Venice community by providing a free boutique where children in foster care can access clothing, shoes, books, and essential items with dignity. The organization also supports youth aging out of care through programs that provide resources, life skills, and encouragement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of City Council do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

### **National Foster Care Month**

in the City of Venice and encourages the meaningful work and impact of all community partners to support children and families throughout our community.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Seal  
of the City of Venice to be affixed  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Nick Pachota, Mayor