

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Florida’s native plants provide critical habitat to all wildlife, including bees, butterflies, and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the City of Venice is home to parks that showcase and conserve native plants, such as Pinebrook Park, the borders of the Legacy Trail, and unique coastal areas at Service Club and Brohard Beach Park; and

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, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer services has designated more than 550 native plants species, or almost 20%, as “Endangered”, “Threatened”, or “Commercially Exploited”, thus underscoring the need for greater public recognition and protection; and

WHEREAS, native plants impart beauty to developed landscapes and require less resources because they are naturally adapted to Florida’s climate and rainfall patterns, unlike most non-native plants; and

WHEREAS, October is an especially vibrant month to see native plants in bloom and provide opportunities for the public to appreciate the beauty and natural value of native plants including muhly grass, slender blazing star; and Chapman’s goldenrod; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of Florida’s native plants is an essential prerequisite to the conservation of our native wildlife for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, on behalf of the Venice City Council, do hereby recognize October 2024 as

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 8th day of October, 2024.

Nick Pachota, Mayor