## Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have a significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cybersecurity Awareness Month was launched by the National Cyber Security Alliance and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2004 as a broad effort to help all Americans stay safe and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, critical infrastructure sectors are reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Cybersecurity Awareness Month in 2025 is, "Building a Cyber Strong America," demonstrating the importance of taking daily action to reduce risk when online and connected to devices by utilizing four simple actions: recognizing & reporting phishing, using strong passwords, turning on multi factor authentication (MFA), and keeping software updated; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the City of Venice's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

## **National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

In the City of Venice and encourage all citizens to learn about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Nick Pachota, Mayor