

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, the Society was founded in 1991, and its mission is to promote a public awareness and understanding of the historic heritage of Florida, Sarasota County, and the Venice area, within the context of our nation's history, and to encourage inquiry and research into this history; and

Whereas, the Society provides numerous educational opportunities for the City of Venice residents and visitors, including a free monthly lecture series on historical topics; a speakers bureau; four scholarships to local graduating seniors; free educational programs for local youth, including school students; a plaque program for designating historic buildings, and an informative newsletter; and

Whereas, the Society assumed responsibility for promoting the City's 1927 Historic Venice Train Depot in 2003 and has hosted over 28,000 visitors at the Depot, providing tours by trained docents of the Depot and Depot campus, including displays about Venice history and railroad history and the Gunther Gebel-Williams statue and the caboose in the Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park; and

Whereas, the Society has developed funding to sustain historic buildings, artifacts, and stories of the Venice area, most recently the funding needed to procure, restore, and place on the Depot campus a Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus Train Car by 2017, the 90th anniversary of the City of Venice and the Depot.

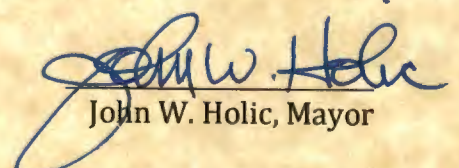
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the city council and the citizens of our community do hereby proclaim March 15, 2016, as a day to celebrate the:

25th Anniversary of the Venice Area Historical Society

in the City of Venice and call upon each citizen to join their fellow citizens in recognizing the honor and esteem accorded to the Venice Area Historical Society for its significant education, cultural, and economic impact on our region.

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 March, 2016.




John W. Holic, Mayor