

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ages, income levels, and anger, but most often women and children; and once started, the campaign of physical, psychological, economic and domestic violence only gets worse, resulting in a heavy burden on society and families; and

WHEREAS, 106,515 domestic violence offences were reported in the State of Florida in 2020, including 36 incidences reported in City of Venice; and

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent domestic violence and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, With leadership, dedication and encouragement there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing domestic violence through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) provides free services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, seeks to stop the crime of domestic violence through awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, SPARCC encourages every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about domestic violence, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Venice and urge all citizens to observe this month of special importance by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end, and participating in community efforts.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 10th day of October, 2023.

Nick Pachota, Mayor