

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Venice is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

Whereas, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire; and

Whereas, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries with two of every five home fires starting in the kitchen; and

Whereas, unattended equipment was a factor in one-third of the reported cooking fires; and

Whereas, 57% of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

Whereas, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

Whereas, the city's firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires, home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

Whereas, the city's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

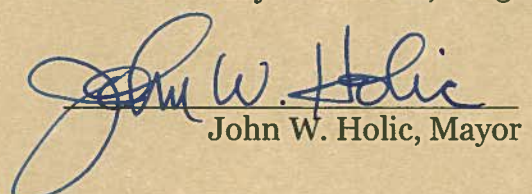
Whereas, the Fire Prevention Week 2013 theme, "**Prevent Kitchen Fires!**" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

Now, Therefore, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 6 through the 9, 2013 as:

Fire Prevention Week

throughout this city, and encourage all of its citizens to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to take advantage of our fire department to help educate our citizens about fire safety by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of fire prevention, and to support the many activities and efforts of Venice's fire and emergency services.

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, 2013.


John W. Holic, Mayor

