

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, crime in America has a devastating impact on victims and survivors, and tears at the social fabric of our society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, no victim or survivor should have to endure the trauma of victimization and its impact – physical, financial, emotional, spiritual and social – alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the commUNITY of crime victims and survivors, those who serve them, and countless allies work together to ensure that victims' needs are identified and met with quality, collaborative and comprehensive services; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 12,000 system- and community-based victim services programs across the Nation that help crime survivors and promote community safety, and over 32,000 laws that define and protect victims' rights; and

**WHEREAS**, during 2026 National Crime Victims' Rights Week we recommit our efforts to promote and strengthen the extensive commUNITY that supports and serves victims and survivors of crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as

### **Crime Victims' Rights Week**

and reaffirms our dedication to building connections, standing in kinship with survivors, and creating a future where healing and hope are within reach for everyone.

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 April, 2026.

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Nick Pachota, Mayor