

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, it is important to accurately detect and test for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, which is a rare genetic condition caused by deletion or other structural change of the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region or a disease-causing mutation of the SHANK3 gene; and

**WHEREAS**, this microdeletion is rarely uncovered by typical genetic screening, therefore a fluorescence in situ hybridization, or FISH test, or whole exome sequencing (WES) is recommended to confirm the diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, parents and advocacy groups can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and its symptoms through scientific education opportunities and informational exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, although the range and severity of symptoms may vary, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is generally thought to be characterized by intellectual disability of varying degrees, delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays and epilepsy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to raise awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and promote education that will help inform citizens about this disease.

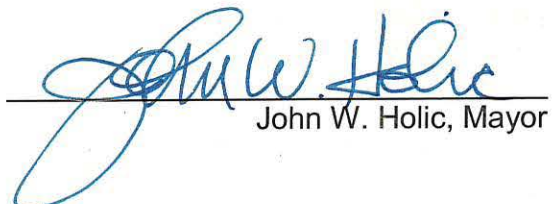
**Now, Therefore**, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 22, 2019 as

### *Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Awareness Day*

in the City of Venice and encourage all citizens to recognize and become aware of this rare genetic condition.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 22nd day of October, 2019.

  
John W. Holic, Mayor