

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, there are more than 1.5 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes and 1 million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S., with over 4,000 facilities and 170,000 residents in Florida; and

Whereas, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individuals rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

Whereas, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live safely and healthfully with dignity and self-determination; and

Whereas, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, including the right to have a say in their care; and

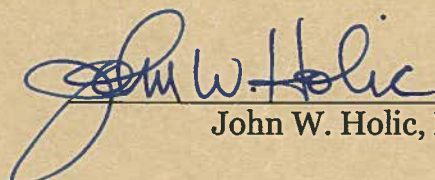
Whereas, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month to emphasize the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy, and resident-centered decision-making; and

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

National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month

and encourage all citizens to join in these important observances.

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, 2013.


John W. Holic, Mayor

