

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, since the discovery by Christopher Columbus of the route to the Western Hemisphere, millions of Italians have followed his path and settled in the United States of America, unstintingly contributing their brain, their brawn, their diligence; and

Whereas, the Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society, Inc., a local tax exempt organization, has provided merit scholarships to nearly 90 local college-bound high school graduates and awards to local performing art organizations, totaling some \$115,000; and

Whereas, the Society selected October, the month we celebrate Columbus Day, to memorialize the contributions to our community by Italy and its descendants, including the bravery of Italian American recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the paintings, sculptures, literature, songs, theatrical and operatic works, films, and other cultural achievements of Italian American artists and athletes, as well as the varied Italian cuisine, enjoyed by many, irrespective of ethnic origins; and

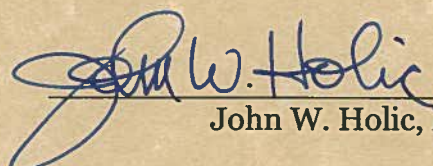
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, finds that the occurrence of an Italian Cultural Heritage Month program is consistent with its mission to promote and protect the welfare of its citizens.

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:

Italian Cultural Heritage Month



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