

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, Children First was established in 1961 and is Sarasota County's exclusive provider of Head Start programs serving low-income children between the ages of birth to five years old living in the City of Venice and its environs with high quality infant and toddler care, preschool and pre-Kindergarten education, and nutrition and healthcare screenings to ensure proper development; and

Whereas, Children First assists these children's families as well with goal setting, financial planning, parenting skills and career preparation through classes offered as part of its Families First Institute and by appointing a Family Advocate to each family served; and

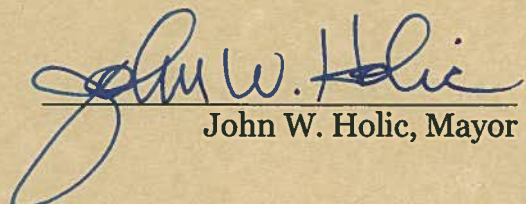
Whereas, U.S. Presidents, education leaders, and Nobel Prize winners have applauded Head Start for helping to break the "cycle of disadvantage" for low-income children, and

Whereas, Children First has three times been recognized as a National Program of Excellence for the quality of its Head Start programming, thereby placing it in the top tier of all Head Start programs in the United States.

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:

CHILDREN FIRST HEAD START AWARENESS 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

