

# Office of the Mayor



Venice, Florida  
"City on the Gulf"

## Proclamation

**Whereas,** Water related recreational activities are vital elements in the lives of the citizens of the City of Venice; and

**Whereas,** Florida's 8,400 miles of saltwater coastline, 3 million acres of inland lakes and 11,000 miles of rivers and streams provide for many of the needed outlets for recreation and relaxation; and

**Whereas,** Recreational boating is one of Florida's leading outdoor activities with more than 4 million residents participating in this pastime; and

**Whereas,** Florida is the fastest growing recreational boating state in the nation with over 718,000 registered vessels and increasing at over 10,000 vessels each year; and

**Whereas,** Every year lives are lost in boating accidents in spite of the educational efforts of the Florida Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and local agencies; and

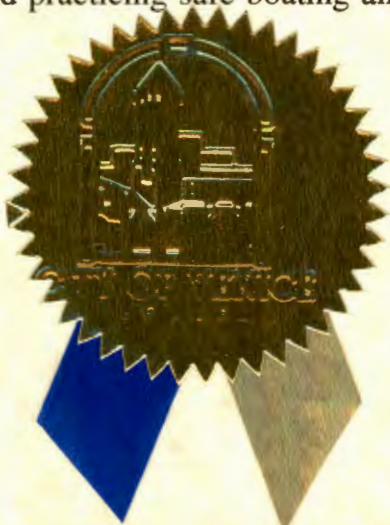
**Whereas,** The sponsors of these safety programs have addressed their efforts to the youth and general public of Florida, urging them to enhance boating pleasure and avoid possible loss of life and property damage; and

**Whereas,** We the citizens of the City of Venice, affirm and support the goals of boating safety on a year round basis.

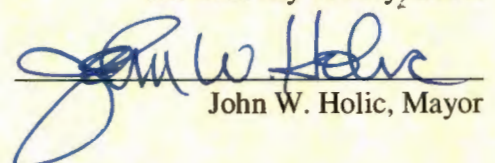
**Now, Therefore,** I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim May 21 through May 27, 2016 as

## *National Safe Boating Week*

in the City of Venice, Florida, and urge all citizens who use our waterways to join in learning and practicing safe boating and have their boats inspected for the proper safety equipment.



*In Witness Whereof,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 24th day of May, 2016.

  
John W. Holic, Mayor