

## Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

**Whereas**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ages, income levels, and gender, but most often women and children; and

**Whereas**, once started, the campaign of physical, psychological, economic and sexual violence only gets worse, resulting in a heavy burden on society and families; and

**Whereas**, 108,046 domestic violence offenses were reported in the State of Florida in 2012, including 191 deaths at the hands of intimate partners and family members; and

**Whereas**, in Sarasota County, there were 1,445 crimes of domestic violence reported during 2012, including 7 homicides; and

**Whereas**, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) provides free services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, and seeks to stop the crime of domestic violence through public awareness and education.

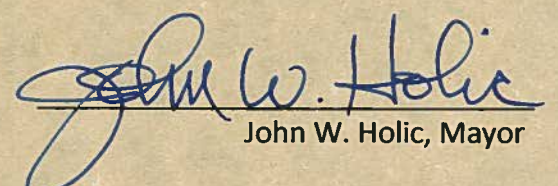
**Now, Therefore**, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as:

### ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end and participating in community efforts.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Seal  
of the City of Venice to be affixed  
this 8th day of October, 2013.

  
John W. Holic, Mayor