

Office of the Mayor



Venice, Florida
"City on the Gulf"

Proclamation

Whereas, Our Nation's Vietnam War Commemoration gives us the opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 through May 15, 1975; and

Whereas, Over 9,000 organizations across America have joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans, including all Chapters, National Society Daughters American Revolution, and Sara De Soto Chapter; and

Whereas, This commemoration includes nine million Americans, with approximately 7.2 million of them living today, and makes no distinction who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years – all answered the call of duty; and

Whereas, Veteran's Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald has designated March 29, 2016, the last day that U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam, as a day to honor those who have "borne the battle", and to extend gratitude and appreciation to them and their families.

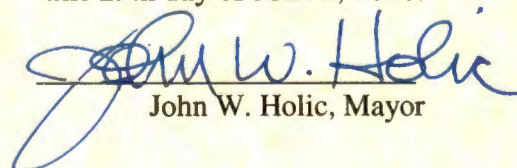
Now, Therefore, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016 as

Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day

in Venice and the surrounding area whereby we may recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans. I urge all to honor the Nation's veterans, to proudly display the flag of the United States, to support and participate in patriotic activities and to be thankful for a nation united in freedom, the greatest nation our United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 29th day of March, 2016.


John W. Holic, Mayor