

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Venice, Florida, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Venice; and

Whereas, the largest share of reported structure fires and most of the civilian fire deaths and injuries consistently occur in homes; and

Whereas, with nearly 3,000 home fire deaths annually, roughly one of every three fatal home fire victims being 65 or older according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

Whereas, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire in half; and

Whereas, you could have as little as two minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly; and

Whereas, when the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place. Call 9-1-1 from a mobile phone or a trusted neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department tells you it is safe to go back inside; and

Whereas, install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home; and

Whereas, make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

Whereas, test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button; and

Whereas, replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested; and

Whereas, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Now, Therefore, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024 as

Fire Prevention Week™

in the City of Venice and urge all citizens to follow these recommendations and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Venice Fire Rescue during the Fire Prevention Week™ 2024.

*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, 2024.*

Nick Pachota, Mayor