

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

To recognize National Police Week 2026 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Venice Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 24,775 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS**, 239 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 111 officers killed in 2025, and 128 officers killed in previous years; and

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, May 15<sup>th</sup> is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council, do hereby proclaim May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as

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in the city of Venice and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Nick Pachota, Mayor