

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the term “victim” is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go along with it; and

**WHEREAS**, crime victims’ rights acts passed here in Florida and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate in the criminal justice process; and

**WHEREAS**, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and

**WHEREAS**, equity and inclusion are fundamental prerequisites to survivor care, and survivor-led services that provide victims with opportunities to share their experiences are essential blueprints for support; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council, and the citizens of our community do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 - April 29, 2023, as

### **“ National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”**

in the City of Venice and reaffirm Venice’s commitment to stand supportively with crime victims and stand against acts of violence; and, we express our sincere gratitude to community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to responding to all victims of crime so that they may obtain relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Nick Pachota, Mayor