

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

*Whereas*, in 2018, working women constitute 76 million women ages 16 and over in the labor force representing 46.9% of the total labor force and strive to serve their communities, their states and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

*Whereas*, in 2018, women's median annual earnings were 81.6% of men's for full-time, year-round workers, and 63.9% of women with earnings worked full-time, year-round compared with 76.3% men; and

*Whereas*, in 2018, there were 12.3 million women-owned businesses, generating \$1.8 trillion in sales and employing 9.2 million people; and

*Whereas*, working women should be applauded for their contributions to the workplace and the financial stability of their families especially during the economic downturn when more women have become their family's breadwinner; and

*Whereas*, the major goal of Business and Professional Women's Foundation and Business and Professional Women/Florida along with its local members is to promote equality for all women and to help create better conditions for working women through the study and advocacy of social, educational and economic issues impacting women in the workplace; and

*Whereas*, since 1983, National Business Women's Week has honored the contributions of working women and employers who support working women and their families; and

*Whereas*, the mission is to achieve equality for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information; and

*Whereas*, the organization's objectives include to elevate the standards for women in business and professions, to promote the interests of business and professional women, to bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women of Florida, and to extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities.

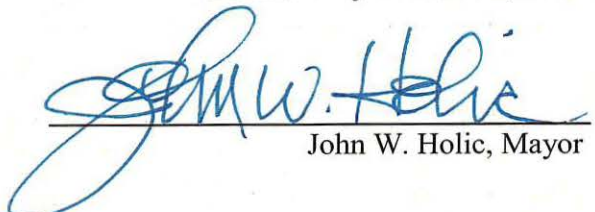
*Now therefore*, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2019 as

### *National Business Women's Week*

in the City of Venice and encourage all citizens, businesses and community organizations to join this salute to working women, as they contribute daily to our economic, civic and cultural goals and livelihood.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 22nd day of October, 2019.

  
John W. Holic, Mayor