

# 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**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**Whereas**, home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017 according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the U.S. responded to 357,000 home fires; and

**Whereas**, the majority of U.S. fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

**Whereas**, the fire death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments was four percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

**Whereas**, Venice residents should identify places in their homes where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

**Whereas**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**Whereas**, Venice residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**Whereas**, Venice residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and

**Whereas**, Venice residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**Whereas**, Venice first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**Whereas**, Venice residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**Whereas**, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

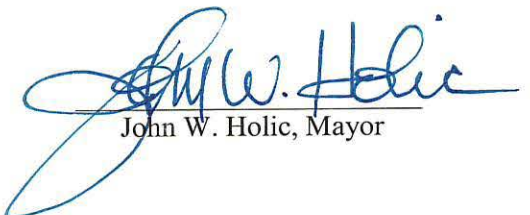
**Now, Therefore**, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019 as

### *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 the Venice Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2019.



*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, 2019.*

  
John W. Holic, Mayor