

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, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173, 200 annually between 2013 and 2017; and

Whereas, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; 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 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

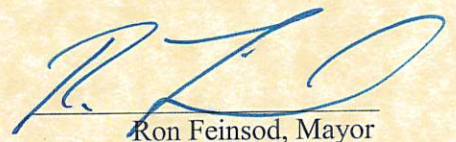
Now, Therefore, I, Ron Feinsod, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020 as

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 2020.



*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 September, 2020.*


Ron Feinsod, Mayor