

Office of the Mayor



Venice, Florida
"City on the Gulf"

Proclamation

Whereas, The city of Venice has designated March as Problem Gambling awareness Month to demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling and to support the initiative of Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling to bring awareness to the issues surrounding problem gambling in our community; and

Whereas, This is a public health issue which impacts family, friends, and businesses with significant societal and economic costs, affecting more than one million Floridians of all ages, races, and ethnic background in all communities; and

Whereas, Each problem gambler directly affects 8-10 other individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships of the immediate family; and

Whereas, The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health providers, criminal justice professionals, and others, about the adverse effects of gambling, its social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts, as well as available treatment; and

Whereas, Problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help, which minimizes the harm to Floridians and to the state as a whole; and

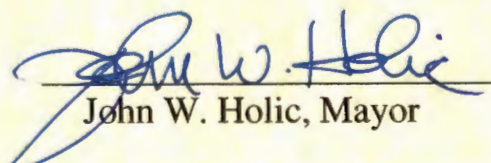
Whereas, Numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to assisting families in need can participate in preventing problem gambling.

Now, Therefore, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

in the City of Venice and encourage all residents to consider joining in and participating in preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24-hour Helpline, 888-ADMIT-IT and by making assessments and treatment readily available.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 12th day of April, 2016.*


John W. Holic, Mayor

