

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, creating and retaining a skilled, competitive workforce is crucial to our region's economic growth and quality of life; and

Whereas, many of the fastest-growing, highest-paying professions require significant training in science and mathematics; and

Whereas, a national movement is underway to improve student achievement and literacy in science, technology, engineering, and math, or "STEM"; and

Whereas, Gulf Coast Community Foundation has partnered with Sarasota County Schools to transform the way teachers teach and students learn these subjects at Venice High School, Laurel Nokomis School, Venice Middle School and SKY Academy through an initiative called STEMsmart; and

Whereas, the foundation and schools have planned a weeklong series of events to celebrate and share the innovative work being done by students and teachers in STEM.

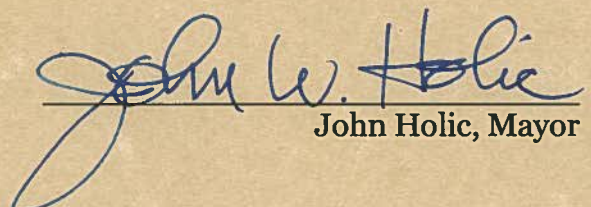
Now, Therefore, I, John Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the city council and the citizens of our community do hereby proclaim March 17-22, 2014, as

STEMsmart Week

And encourage all citizens to join in recognizing the successes of our local schools and in learning how individuals and businesses can partner with STEMsmart to transform our regional economy and give our children a brighter future in southwest Florida.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 11th day of March, 2014.




John Holic, Mayor