

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 3,280 people, injured 15,700 people, and resulted in \$14.3 billion in property damages in the United States in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 388,000 residential fires; and

Whereas, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and

Whereas, almost all U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm, but three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or none that worked usually because the batteries were missing, disconnected, or non-operating; 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 ensure the alert devices meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; 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 personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

Whereas, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait-Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

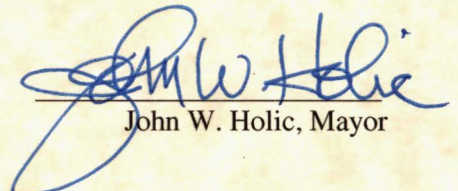
Now, Therefore, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as

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 2016.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 27th day of September, 2016.


John W. Holic, Mayor