

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**Whereas**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ages and income levels, but most often women and children; and once started, the campaign of physical, psychological, economic and domestic violence only gets worse, resulting in a heavy burden on society and families; and

**Whereas**, 107,666 domestic violence offenses were reported in the State of Florida in 2015, including 73 incidents reported in the City of Venice; and

**Whereas**, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent domestic violence and how to support survivors; and

**Whereas**, with leadership, dedication and encouragement there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing domestic violence through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

**Whereas**, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) provides free services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children in Sarasota and Desoto Counties, seeks to stop the crime of domestic violence through public awareness and education; and

**Whereas**, SPARCC encourages every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about domestic violence, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address domestic violence.

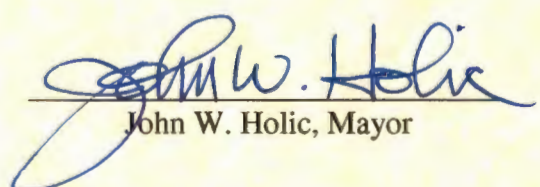
**Now, Therefore**, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as

### ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

in the City of Venice, and urge all citizens of this City to observe this month of special importance by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end, and participating in community efforts.

*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