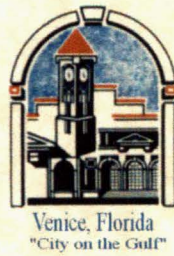


# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**Whereas,** March has been recognized as "National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" since 1987, when President Ronald Reagan called upon Americans to provide "our fellow citizens with such disabilities both encouragement and the opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential"; and

**Whereas,** today Loveland Village and other organizations exist solely to provide critical support and care for people with developmental disabilities to attain self-sufficiency, and this support includes, but is not limited to, employment, education, community inclusion, healthcare, and living accommodations; and

**Whereas,** "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" also recognizes Florida's public policy accomplishments concerning persons with disabilities, as well as identifying the improvements to public policy that are needed to ensure that all of Florida's citizens with developmental disabilities have the capacity to lead full, productive and engaged lives.

**Now, Therefore,** I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

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in the City of Venice, and encourage all citizens to recognize and support this important commemoration.

***In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the Seal***