## Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

Whereas, Child abuse and neglect is a complex and continuing problem in our society, affecting over three million children annually nationwide; and

Whereas, Child abuse affects us as citizens, neighbors, and parents, crossing all cultural, ethnic, economic, and social lines; and

Whereas, There is no test of a society more important than the status and treatment of its children; and

Whereas, The Child Protection Center works to prevent child abuse and to protect and treat children affected by child abuse, with the hope of creating a community in which every child is free and safe from child abuse.

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

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

and urge all citizens to be aware of and involved with the local and national programs which provide on-going protection of our children.

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 April, 2017.

John W. Holic, Mayor