

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Florida's heritage is rich in cultural diversity as represented by numerous archaeological sites documenting the lives of Native Americans, Europeans, and Africans within our State; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's archaeological sites are located in forests, cities, and on farms, as well as beneath rivers, streams, ponds, and coastal waters; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation of prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, as well as traditional properties, provides significant educational, cultural, and economic benefits to all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens of Florida are encouraged to be aware of the fragility of our cultural resources and to take an active part in their protection; and

**WHEREAS**, groups such as the Florida Public Archaeology Network, Native Americans, and other citizens volunteer their time and efforts to preserve and protect Florida's unique archaeological resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Archaeology Month provides an opportunity for all Floridians to reflect on our past and the role archaeologists and historians play in revealing and understanding the unique legacy of our State; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year's event is "Heritage at Risk" as an effort to raise awareness about the impact of rising sea levels on coastal archaeological resources; and

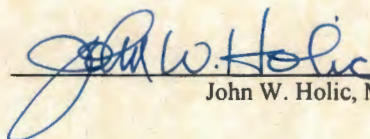
**WHEREAS**, The City of Venice is known to have historic and prehistoric archaeological sites that have been and currently are at risk, including the recently discovered Manasota Key Offshore archaeological site;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

### *Florida Archaeology Month*

in the City of Venice, a month of special importance and worthy of the recognition of the citizens of Venice.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

  
John W. Holic, Mayor

