

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program, Inc. in conjunction with Serve Florida, The Salvation Army of South Sarasota County, Center of Hope, Community Action Ministry Laurel Civic Center, and South County Food Pantry are partnering for the Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, their mission is to raise funds and collect food to disburse to those who are food insecure through participating non-profit agencies and organizations. Hunger affects our most vulnerable: children, seniors, and military veterans; and

WHEREAS, last year they collected 74 tons of non-perishable food items and 2,675 turkeys. Since 1987 the Mayors' Feed the Hungry has collectively given away \$3.5 million in food gift cards and over 600 tons of food; and

WHEREAS, 20% of children in Sarasota County live below the poverty level and are food insecure. More than 21,000 school students in Sarasota County receive free or reduced lunch, which is 50% of elementary to high school students; and

WHEREAS, individuals, communities, and non-profit organizations are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

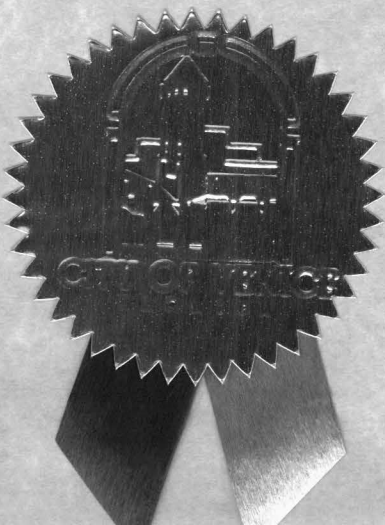
WHEREAS, November 5 – 16, Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program, Inc., Serve Florida, The Salvation Army of South Sarasota County, Center of Hope, Community Action Ministry, Laurel Civic Center, and South County Food Pantry will collect food donations to be distributed to food banks and pantries at a much needed time of the year; and

WHEREAS, Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program, Inc., Serve Florida, The Salvation Army of South Sarasota County, Center of Hope, Community Action Ministry, Laurel Civic Center, and South County Food Pantry demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service.

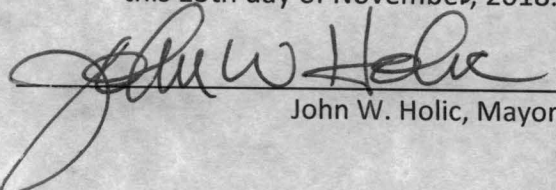
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice on behalf of the Venice City Council do here by proclaim November 5-16, 2018 as

Mayors' Feed the Hungry Food Drive

in the City of Venice and urge all citizens to participate in the food drive to improve the lives of others.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 13th day of November, 2018.


John W. Holic, Mayor