Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

Whereas, more than 35,000 Americans receive a lifesaving organ transplant every year; and

Whereas, a new patient is added to the national patient waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes; and

Whereas, over 113,000 men, women and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation, of which nearly 5,700 are in the West and Southwest Florida area; and

Whereas, an average of 22 people die every day awaiting an organ transplant that does not come in time; and

Whereas, one organ, tissue and eye donor can save or enhance the lives of as many as 75 people; and

Whereas, everyone is a potential organ, eye and tissue donor and can register their wish to save lives through organ and tissue donation at <u>www.DonateLifeFlorida.org</u> or on their driver license.

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 April 2019 as

Donate Life Month

in the City of Venice and encourage all residents to consider giving life through organ donation and to sign up on Florida's organ and tissue donor registry by visiting <u>www.DonateLifeFlorida.org</u> or when renewing their driver license or state identification card.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 9th day of April, 2019.

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