## Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

Whereas, bicycling plays an important role in the lives of millions of Floridians by providing means to travel; and

Whereas, roadway safety is a top priority of the Florida Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Bicycle Association and the City of Venice encourage the safe use of bicycles as a mode of transportation on Florida's roadways; and

Whereas, the Florida Department of Transportation and local bicycle clubs like Gulf Coast Velo have various programs aimed to improve the safety for residents and visiting cyclists on our roadways; and

Whereas, local trail systems, including the Legacy Trail, provide an alternative to cycling on roadways and enhance Florida's economy, tourism, health, alternative transportation, recreation, conservation, and quality of life; and

Whereas, nearly 25 million residents and tourists participate in bicycling annually, with more than 18.4 million bicyclists using paved trails and nearly 6.5 million on unpaved trails.

*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 March 2019 as

## Florida Bicycle Month

in the City of Venice and encourage all residents to support bicycling and share the road safely with bicyclists.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 26th day of March, 2019.

John W. Holic, Mayor