## Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on victims of crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims, a commitment that still stands today and is reaffirmed during this week of recognition; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their community and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their fear, anger, grief, and losses without fear of judgment; and will feel understood, heard and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, crime leaves a lasting impact, and through service and support to victims from a variety of community partners, we can help rebuild trust and restore hope to victims and survivors in their lives and within their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporating community experts and trusted sources of support, alongside survivor voices, will allow our community to develop a criminal justice system response that is truly acceptable and appropriate for all victims of crime as we move forward in this movement of victims' rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John W. Holic, Mayor of the City of Venice and on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim April 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as

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in the City of Venice and reaffirm Venice's commitment to stand supportively with crime victims and stand against acts of violence; and, we express our sincere gratitude to community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to responding to all victims of crime so that they may obtain relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

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.

John W. Holic, Mayor