



# CITY OF VENICE

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## Office of the Mayor

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Venice City Council, please consider this letter of recommendation to nominate Make a Difference Day for the 2019 Florida Municipal Achievement Awards City Spirit Award.

On Oct. 27, 2018, the City of Venice Make a Difference Day effort saw a record-breaking 447 participants. Along with the nonprofit Serve Florida and head organizer Jim Foubister, the City Public Works Department assisted these volunteers from local nonprofits, schools, churches, businesses and clubs in cleaning and beautifying 24 Venice parks and City rights of way.

This work saves the City thousands of dollars and completes projects that otherwise might not get done or be delayed. The program also gives the volunteers a sense of civic pride as they beautify their City. In addition, as the City expands its networks in the community, the volunteers make contacts via City Hall and Public Works.

Because of the Make a Difference Day program's success in accomplishing numerous hours of work in one day through volunteer efforts, and fostering goodwill in the community, please consider the City's nomination for this award.

Respectfully submitted,

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