

# Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement, achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the country, inspire hope for future progress and greater healing; and

**WHEREAS**, crime victims' rights acts provide victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to ensure accessible, appropriate, and trauma informed services are offered to all victims of crime.

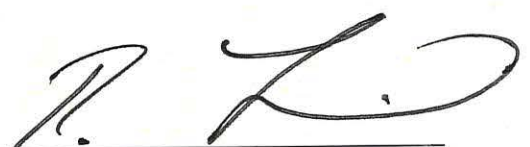
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron Feinsod, Mayor of the City of Venice and on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim April 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

### **"National Crime Victims' Rights Week"**

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 14th day of April, 2020.*

  
Ron Feinsod, Mayor