



Proclamation

WHEREAS, organ, and tissue donations are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 114,000 individuals nationwide are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list; and every 11 minutes, another name is added to the list; every day 18 people die waiting for a life-saving organ donation; and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can enhance the lives of up to 50 others; and

WHEREAS, tissue donations can help burn victims heal, help replace shattered bones, or repair damaged tendons and ligaments; millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced by donors; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Nevada Donate Life is working on raising awareness in the Northern Sierra and the world as awareness is the key to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, today at the Sparks Marina we join with Sierra Nevada Donate Life, their sponsors, family and friends in celebrating the success of organ and tissue transplantation and honoring our donors and donor families that will forever be our hero's; and

WHEREAS, The Sierra Nevada Donate Life Walk features a scenic walk around the Sparks Marina, entertainment, a raffle and donor recognition. Nevada has an online donation registration website that can be found at www.donateLIFeNevada.org; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2012 as:

"SPARKS' ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 29th day of August, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geno R. Martini".

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda K. Patterson".

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk

