

# City of Sparks

## Proclamation

P-2081

**WHEREAS**, the “Last Chance Joe” statue has become an iconic feature in the City of Sparks since its original installation at the Nugget Hotel and Casino in the early 1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents of Sparks have fond childhood memories of Last Chance Joe; and

**WHEREAS**, many contemporary visitors to Sparks have indicated that they also remember Last Chance Joe as a prominent memory of past visits to northern Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, when Last Chance Joe’s future was in doubt, Senator Julia Ratti and the Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center accepted the challenge to relocate the statue to the Museum’s location and undertake the effort to restore it to its original condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Museum, along with many local supporters, has successfully accomplished Last Chance Joe’s relocation and restoration; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2018 as:

### “LAST CHANCE JOE DAY”

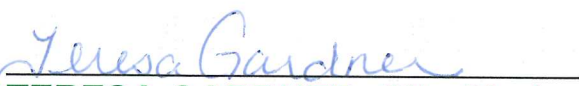
in recognition of the statue’s iconic status as a feature of Sparks, and hereby call upon all citizens of Sparks and Washoe County thereof to render support to the Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center for its on-going efforts to foster the preservation of the cultural heritage and history of Sparks, the Truckee Meadows, and Northern Nevada.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**

