



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sparks is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home fires in 2014, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,745 civilian deaths in 2014, representing the majority (84 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths;

**WHEREAS**, first responders for the City of Sparks are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016,

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Throughout this city, and I urge all the people of the City of Sparks to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Sparks fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2016.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**