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WHEREAS, on February 2, 1942, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. was founded as a nonprofit, patriotic service organization to unite those mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the nonpartisan, nonsectarian Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. provide support for active duty service personnel and their families, assist with various veterans ceremonies, educate the public, and foster democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service Flag is the official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the United States Armed Forces during a time of war or armed conflict for our nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks has partnered with local chapter, Blue Star Mothers of Spanish Springs and Truckee Meadows Blue Star Mothers to install banners that grace Victorian Avenue and Victorian Square Plaza, featuring the names and photos of activeduty military service personnel from the Truckee Meadows area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks honors the sacrifice and dedication of the Blue Star Mothers of America and the men and women who are defending our nation so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim May, 2015 as:

"BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA MONTH"

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 April, 2015.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A GARDNER, City Clerk

