



Proclamation

WHEREAS, family caregivers play an increasingly important role in the wellbeing of loved ones, providing unpaid assistance with both health care tasks and activities of daily living, and more than a third of Nevadans over the age of 50 currently provide care for a parent, spouse, disabled child or other relative or friend; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 family caregivers in Nevada provide unpaid assistance equivalent to 348 million hours and an estimated value of 4 billion dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, the proportion of Nevada's population that is over 60 is growing more rapidly than other components, and the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about 24 percent of Nevadan's will be over age 60 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, older adults who receive cost-effective services at home are more likely to continue to live independently in communities, without needing nursing home care or utilizing public assistance; and

WHEREAS, to successfully address the surging population of older adults and others with significant needs for long-term services and supports, we must develop methods to encourage and support Nevada's family caregivers, while developing ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks supports and applauds the dedicated work of family caregivers and recognizes caregiving for older, vulnerable or disabled Nevadans as a vital and needed profession today and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November, 2014 as:

"FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Geno R. Martini in blue ink.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Teresa Gardner in blue ink.
TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

