

# City of Sparks

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, it is the pleasure of the Sparks City Council to recognize and honor those organizations that seek to protect and enhance the quality of life for the less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), sometimes called Lou Gerhig's disease, is a rapidly progressive, invariably fatal neurological disease that attacks the nerve cells (neurons) responsible for controlling voluntary muscles. It does not affect the person's ability to see, smell, taste, hear, or recognize touch; and

**WHEREAS**, as many as 20,000 people in the United States have ALS, and an estimated 6,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with the disease each year. Approximately 250 persons living in Nevada are currently diagnosed with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, every 90 minutes someone in the United States is diagnosed and passes away from ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, military veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS as those that have not served in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, in the advanced stages, ALS care can cost up to \$200,000 per year, depleting the financial resources of patients and their relatives; and

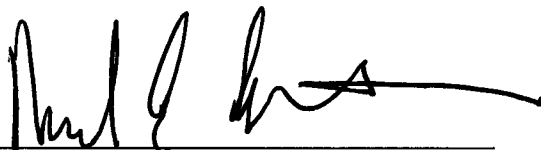
**WHEREAS**, the suffering of patients, and the anguish of their caregivers must be supported and alleviated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as:

### **"ALS AWARENESS MONTH"**

and urge all citizens within Sparks to join us in honoring and supporting the ALS Association Nevada Chapter, a worthwhile and dedicated organization.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



**RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor**

ATTEST:  
  
**LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk**

