

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

WHEREAS, an average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001 brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency personnel on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, call upon all residents and all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe October 16, 2011 in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff. I encourage appropriate services and ceremonies to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duty, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

I further call upon the residents of Sparks to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2011.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk