

WHEREAS, our community experienced a devastating tragedy on September 16 with the crash of an aircraft at the National Championship Air Races, resulting in multiple wounded and several fatalities; and

WHEREAS, we extend our thoughts, prayers and support to the victims, responders and witnesses of this accident and to their families and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, our region relies upon a multi-tiered automatic and mutual aid emergency response system for the protection of lives and property during times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, this emergency response system could not exist without the dedicated staff and volunteers from a multitude of agencies throughout the area who respond to all types of emergency events; and

WHEREAS, during the events at the air races, staff and volunteers from throughout the region responded in an overwhelming effort to minimize the loss of life and assist in recovery operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in extending our thanks and gratitude to the staff and volunteers who responded and commending their expertise and commitment during the air race emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 20th day of September, 2011.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk