

City of Sparks

Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Nevada stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills;
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and
- Engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults;

WHEREAS, *Lights on After School*, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, 2015, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities.

WHEREAS, 19.4 million families report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available.

WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights.

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2015 as:

"LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY"


and be it further resolved that the City of Sparks endorses *Lights on After School* and commits our city to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 16th day of September, 2015.



GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:



TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

