



**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and the President of the United States 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; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of 80 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 services 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.

**WHEREAS**, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service marks the beginning of the annual Fire Prevention Week observance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada now call upon all citizens of the City of Sparks and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the day of October 4, 2020, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel. I encourage appropriate services and ceremonies in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

I further call upon citizens of the City 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. As dusk turns to dark, landmarks across the country in honor of Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters will again glow in respect from September 27-October 4, 2020, for the fallen and their families. For the eight year, Bells Across America will ring from coast-to-coast as a grateful nation pauses on Sunday, October 4, 2020 to honor those firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2019 and previous years.

### **“National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk