



Commendation

WHEREAS, Rob Mead and Carlos Gaytan began running around the Sparks Marina with American Flags on June 1st, 2014 to "...keep firefighters, cops, medics and soldiers supported, equipped and employed!" They take great pride in bringing awareness to our public safety and military men and women; and

WHEREAS, Rob met Carlos one day at the marina when he was pushed into a fence while was running, and his flag was caught and torn. Carlos had been running behind him and assisted him that day – they have been running together ever since; and

WHEREAS, Rob and Carlos have estimates that over 200,000 people have seen them running the track around the marina – rain or shine. They have had an amazing year of meeting great people; having homeless vets standing at attention to salute them; and thousands of people cheering them on; and

WHEREAS, The men are retiring their flags and inviting the public to gather on the big grass hill at Sparks Marina on July 4th at 11:30 for a final run. They have accepted an invitation by the community of County Wicklow (Ireland) for a 6 mile flag race where Rob will present his flag to fallen firefighter Brian Murray's wife in a joint ceremony; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in commending Rob Mead, Carlos Gaytan and all the volunteers that have run with them. Thank you for your dedication and integrity, we wish you both good luck and good health in the years ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 28th day of May, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geno R. Martini".

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa Gardner".

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

