



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation, and there is a need to promote alternative forms of transportation such as walking and bicycling in order to reduce pollution, traffic congestion, America's dependence on fossil fuels, and improve the health and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, millions will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational and safety programs, community events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, The Bike Paths and Trails of Washoe County attract thousands of bicyclists each year from around the region, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits to all; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on the City of Sparks' economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the region attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month for the last 57 years, and is so again in 2013, and April 29 to May 3 has been declared National Air Quality Awareness Week.

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

The month of May 2013 as "National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month" the week of April 29 – May 3, 2013 as "National Air Quality Awareness Week," and May 11-17, 2013 as "Bike to Work, School and Fun Week"

throughout Washoe County and encourage all citizens to enjoy the benefits of bicycling, recognize the importance of bicycle safety and be more aware of cyclists on our streets.

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 March, 2013.

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

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

