



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Nick Poulakidas was born September 16, 1925 in Ruth, Nevada, growing up in a true mining camp named “Reipetown” which was rough and tumble with 17 saloons, three brothels, a schoolhouse and a general store; and

WHEREAS, Nick joined the Army in 1944 and fought in World War II, where his division landed on the beaches of Normandy France on July 4, 1944. He was awarded an Honorable Discharge in September 1945 due to injuries sustained in battle, and refused the Purple Heart award; and

WHEREAS, Nick enrolled in the University of Nevada Reno in 1946, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education. He obtained his Master’s degree in May of 1961. He also married his sweetheart Letha Christine Eason during that time, and they had many happy years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Nick began his career in 1950 was a teacher and administrator who served the students of Washoe County for more than 30 years. As principal of Lincoln Park Elementary School for 24 years until his death, he was known for vigorously supporting the work of teachers, families and students. For his extraordinary work with families he was recognized twice by the National Parent Teacher Association as Nevada’s outstanding PTA member.

Nick lived his life in service to others; first to his country, his community, his state, his church and most of all to the children of Sparks and Reno.

Nick Poulakidas Elementary School opened in the fall of 2019 and will offer students the potential to become lifelong learners, thinkers and positive members of our community, and we know Mr. Poulakidas would be proud.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2019 as:

“NICK POULAKIDAS DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 13th day of August, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk