

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each February, we recognize African American History Month as a time to reflect upon how far we have come as a nation and what challenges remain; and

WHEREAS, this month, we recognize the courage and tenacity of so many hardworking Americans whose legacies are woven into the fabric of our nation. We are heirs to their extraordinary progress. Racial prejudice is no longer the steepest barrier to opportunity for most African Americans, yet substantial obstacles remain in the remnants of past discrimination; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of our city and state's economic, cultural, and political development and are dedicated to promoting their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, intelligence and perseverance, African Americans have made lasting contributions to Sparks and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks will always strive toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens are recognized for their contributions to our community, state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim February, 2012

NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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 February, 2012.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk