



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, every 23 seconds, one person in the United States sustains a traumatic brain injury, and an estimated 5.3 million Americans currently live with disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury;

**WHEREAS**, more than 52,000 Americans die every year as a result of a traumatic brain injury; 275,000 are hospitalized, and 1.365 million are treated and released from an ER; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 200,000 children are hospitalized each year with brain trauma, and 30,000 sustain permanent disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of The Brain Injury Association of Nevada (BIAN) is to be the voice of brain injury. Through advocacy, education, and research, they bring help, hope, and healing to individuals living with brain injury, their families, and the professionals who serve them; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for Thought is BIAN's awareness and fundraising campaign to raise funds to support the ongoing efforts of The Brain Injury Association of Nevada to continue to provide programs and services in our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 23, 2013:

**"WALK FOR THOUGHT DAY"**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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

**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**

