

City of Sparks

Commendation

WHEREAS, Christi Cakiroglu became the Executive Director of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful in 2002 to serve the Truckee Meadows region by establishing educational programs, conducting community clean ups, and combatting the growing problem of illegal dumping in our community's open spaces; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful had one and one-half employees and about 300 committed community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Ms. Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful rose to the occasion as the City of Sparks experienced incredible growth, and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful now coordinates over 5,000 volunteers and an enthusiastic and committed staff of nine full- and part-time employees; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Ms. Cakiroglu and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful employees and volunteers have logged over 133,000 volunteer hours, recycled over 181,000 Christmas trees, and cleaned our open spaces of 2,000 tons of trash and waste; and

WHEREAS, through her contagious enthusiasm and determination, Ms. Cakiroglu and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful have made considerable progress toward halting illegal dumping; established strong business partnerships throughout the City of Sparks and the Truckee Meadows region; organized annual fundraising events like Raise the River that help provide for cleaner, more sustainable communities; and participated in the One Truckee River Initiative, a successful community collaboration that helps keep the Truckee River a beautiful natural gem to be cherished by the citizens of Sparks; and

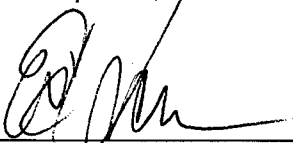
WHEREAS, during Ms. Cakiroglu's 19 years at the helm of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, the organization has beautified the City of Sparks, and her presence in our community has made the Truckee Meadows a better place for all of us; and

WHEREAS, when Ms. Cakiroglu accepted the Executive Director position, she took on a mission, not just a job; and

WHEREAS, after 19 years of tireless leadership and service, Ms. Cakiroglu will retire on February 26, 2021;

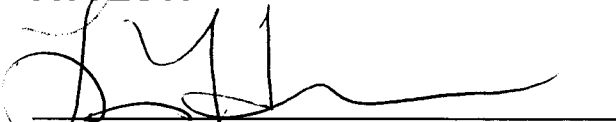
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in expressing sincere appreciation for the important work of Christi Cakiroglu.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 22nd day of February, 2021.



ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:



LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

