WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

WHERE AS, the Ozone Advance Program is a voluntary local approach to ozone attainment whose purpose is to encourage early emission reductions keeping Washoe County in attainment of the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone; and

WHERE AS, an action plan under the Ozone Advance Program would achieve emission reductions by implementing voluntary measures tailored to Washoe County; and

WHERE AS, the Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) of the Washoe County Health District is responsible for ensuring the air we breathe meets the health-based NAAQS for all pollutants including ozone; and

WHERE AS, breathing harmful levels of ozone can trigger a variety of health problems including chest pain, coughing, throat irritation, and congestion; and

WHERE AS, children, the elderly, and those with existing respiratory illnesses are at greatest risk from exposure to ozone; and

WHERE AS, motor vehicles are the largest category of ozone precursor emissions; and

WHERE AS, measures to improve air quality benefit public health, the environment, and economic development; and

WHERE AS, clean air is essential to a healthy community; and

WHERE AS, a successful Ozone Advance Program will require a collaborative effort by all of the Health District's partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sparks City Council that Geno R. Martini, Mayor of the City of Sparks, and all members of the Sparks City Council commits to support the following measures as part of the AQMD's Ozone Advance Program and direct staff to implement these measures as part of the Action Plan:

Measure 1: Support Health District and Regional plans that reduce ozone levels including:

- Air Quality State Implementation Plans
- Community Health Improvement Plans
- Regional Transportation Plans

Measure 2: Encourage sustainable plans, policies, and codes throughout the City of Sparks that:

- Minimize motor vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled
- Support active transportation such as walking and biking
- Support public transportation
- Minimize vehicle idling
- Reduce per capita energy usage
- Reduce per capita waste material taken to landfills
- Minimize water consumption and street runoff
- Increase the community's tree canopy

Measure 3: Implement sustainable practices in City of Sparks operations including:

- Employee Trip Reduction programs
- Energy conservation and efficiency projects
- Limiting City of Sparks fleet vehicle idling to less than 3 minutes
- Keeping City of Sparks fleet vehicles maintained including properly inflated tires
- Increasing zero emissions and alternative fuel vehicles in the City of Sparks fleet

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2016, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: _____

NAYS: ______

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Approved this 11th day of April, 2016, by:

Geno R. Martini, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Chet Adams, City Attorney

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk