

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

WHEREAS, Social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with almost 650,000 members of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Social workers work in all areas of our society to improve happiness, health and prosperity, including in government, schools, universities, social services agencies, communities, the military and mental health and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Social workers recognize that all individuals are unique, possess strengths, and are deserving of dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Social workers fight for social justice in the face of discriminatory and oppressive systems to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are advocates within the realm of public policy as a way of standing up for, and being the voice of, those who are vulnerable and marginalized; and

WHEREAS, Social workers embody this year's Social Work Month Theme "Social Workers: Leaders, Advocates. Champions.", by bringing awareness to, and protecting services for, health care, mental health care, education, substance abuse treatment, fair housing, and other social programs; and

WHEREAS, Social workers have helped this nation live up to its ideals by successfully pushing for equal rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as:

"Social Work Month"

The City of Sparks recognizes the numerous contributions made by social workers across this state and country and join in this celebration and support of the social work profession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 12th day of February, 2018.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

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ATTEST:

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

