

City of Sparks

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diwali is the most popular festival celebrated by one billion Hindus worldwide, as well as by Sikhs, Jains, and some Buddhists; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is also a major festival for many Sparks residents; and

WHEREAS, Diwali was celebrated October 26, 2011 and will be celebrated in 2012 on November 13; and

WHEREAS, Diwali, the festival of lights, aims at dispelling the darkness and lighting up lives, and symbolizes the victory of good over evil.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim Diwali a festival celebrated in the City of Sparks.

This proclamation is presented to Rajan Zed, President of the Universal Society of Hinduism, who has made laudable efforts to promote interfaith harmony in Sparks through dialog and outreach to other religions and denominations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 14th day of December, 2011.


GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:


LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk