



WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others, by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

WHEREAS, an average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2013

FALLEN FIREFIGHTER DAY

and call upon all citizens of the City of Sparks and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to recognize the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff. I encourage appropriate services and ceremonies in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

I further call upon citizens of the City of Sparks to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2013.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk