



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sparks is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Fire Protection Association fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires, of which killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders for the City of Sparks are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019 as:

### **"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"**

throughout Sparks, and I urge all the citizens of Sparks to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of the Sparks Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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**RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor**

**Attest:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Hunderman", is written over a horizontal line.

**LISA HUNDERMAN, Acting City Clerk**

