

# City of Sparks

## Commendation

**WHEREAS**, religion is complex, powerful, and much more than one particular tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, there are interconnections and interdependencies among religions, and there are more areas of commonality than there are areas of conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, *Faith Forum* is a weekly column in the Reno Gazette-Journal which discusses various religious topics and has just completed one year of publication; and

**WHEREAS**, led by interfaith leader Rajan Zed, the *Faith Forum* column is a collaboration among John Maher, publisher of the Reno Gazette-Journal; Beryl Love, RGJ Executive Editor; Brother Matthew Cunningham, Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Reno; Dr. Stephen Bond, Senior Pastor of Summit Christian Church, Sparks; Nicholas Frey, Area Public Affairs Director, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Dr. Sherif Elfass, President, Northern Nevada Muslim Community; Reverend Jikai' Phil Bryan, Priest & Meditation Guide, Reno Buddhist Center; Rabbi ElizaBeth Beyer, Temple Beth Or, Reno; Dr. Bradley Corbin, Bahá'í teacher; Dr. William Tell Gifford, Professor of Religion, Truckee Meadows Community College; Dr. Thomas Butler, Pastor, Sparks United Methodist Church; R. Bruce Brinkerhoff, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and Monique Jacobs, Faith Formation Co-Director, Roman Catholic Diocese of Reno.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in commending the aforementioned religious leaders for creating this constructive dialog which has helped to foster mutual understanding, trust, and loyalty in the community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 8th day of March, 2012.

  
GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk

