



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people and has been doing so in northern Nevada since 1898; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, in Sparks and across northern Nevada, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to provide emergency assistance when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, volunteers responded quickly to provide food and emotional support for the passengers involved in the Amtrak train crash in June. Families of people injured during the crash at the Reno Air Races in September received comfort and compassion from our caseworkers who worked with local partners to provide lodging and other services. And the Red Cross opened emergency shelters and provided emergency assistance to families impacted by the Caughlin Ranch Fire in November; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Northern Nevada Chapter responded to 113 emergency situations, meeting the short-term emergency needs of 172 families. Nearly 13,000 people were trained in CPR, first aid, and other safety skills; and our local Service to the Armed Forces program relayed emergency messages and provided information to 1,113 members of the military and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim March, 2012

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

and encourage all Sparks residents to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geno R. Martini".

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda K. Patterson".

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk

