

WHEREAS, older adults in Sparks, Nevada are the roots from which our community grows. They bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, our society can be enhanced by older adults aging peacefully in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Sparks should be commended for their role in creating and bolstering the fiber of our community and nation; and

WHEREAS, Sparks can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens; providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community; and emphasizing the value of elders by publicly recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our city.

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

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 6th day of April, 2012.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

PATTERSON, City Clerk

