



## **Proclamation**

**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.

**WHEREAS**, the National Memorial Service marks the beginning of the annual Fire Prevention Week observance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, now call upon all citizens of the City of Sparks and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the day of October 9, 2016, in recognition of 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 26th day of September, 2016.

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**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**