

# City of Sparks

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 in the United States, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 38,460 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis; and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 360 new cases diagnosed and 350 deaths will occur in Nevada in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress passed the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Sparks and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Sparks support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November, 2013 as:

### "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.



GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:



TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

