



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, April 2020 marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Act, which provides equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental, and financing of housing and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 added familial status and handicap to those classes protected by Title VIII and added strong new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and judicial and administrative enforcement procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada state law also prohibits discrimination on the basis of ancestry, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the solemn and sworn duty of government at all levels to defend the rights of all citizens and oppose housing discrimination whenever and wherever it occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, that diminish the rights of some of our citizens, diminish the rules of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Silver State Fair Housing Council actively works to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in Nevada to freely choose where they want and can afford to live; and the City of Sparks supports the efforts of Silver State Fair Housing Council and all other agencies pursuing fair housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as:

### **“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk