



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the waitlist for a life-saving organ transplant in the United States alone is at nearly 120,000 people and a new person is added to the organ transplant waitlist every ten minutes; and

WHEREAS, more than ten percent of American adults have chronic kidney disease and the wait for a kidney transplant in Nevada is typically five to seven years. A single donor can save the lives of 8 people through organ donation; and

WHEREAS, over 33,000 successful organ transplant operations were completed in 2016, the most of any year to-date, bringing new life and hope to patients and their families in wait; and

WHEREAS, ninety-five percent of Americans are in favor of being an organ donor, yet only fifty-four percent are registered donors; and

WHEREAS, Donor Network West is the federally-designated Organ Procurement Organization in northern Nevada, leading the charge for healing and saving lives through the miracle of organ donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada do hereby proclaim the month of April as:

“DONATE LIFE MONTH”

and **Friday, April 21, 2017**, as

“WEAR BLUE & GREEN DAY”

in Sparks, and urge all citizens and businesses to show their support by commemorating this day by wearing the colors blue and green and/or decorating windows, doors or displaying on a marquee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 22nd day of March, 2017.

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

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Gardner".

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk