



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism affects not only the diagnosed individual but the entire family and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 88 persons have been diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, There is currently no identified cause or cure for autism, it is known that with proper education, training and community living options, individuals with autism can lead distinguished, productive lives in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The unemployment rate among autistic adults is extremely high, despite their ability to be valuable employees if given the proper working conditions; and

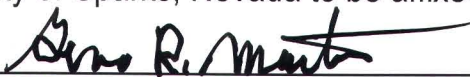
**WHEREAS**, the aims for Autism Awareness Month are to inform the general public about the global health crisis of autism, stress the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention, and to celebrate the unique talents and qualities of individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

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

### **“AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH”**

and urge all employees and residents to learn more about autism and what they can do to support and accept individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.



**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**

