

RESOLUTION NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE MAYORS' CHALLENGE TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS
A JOINT INITIATIVE OF JOINING FORCES, U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
HOMELESSNESS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, *Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* set a bold and audacious goal to end veteran homelessness in the United States before the end of 2015; and

WHEREAS, over the last three years, the federal government, states and communities have achieved a 24 percent decrease in homelessness among veterans during a time when our country was facing the worst recession since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2014, the Joining Forces Initiative announced a growing coalition of mayors, governors, and local officials working to meet the goal of ending veteran homelessness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks is committed to serving the needs of low-income and homeless persons in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks supports the goal of the Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and that every veteran should have access to permanent housing and the support to achieve housing stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the City of Sparks, Nevada, supports the goals of the Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and is committed to ending veteran homelessness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014, by:

Geno R. Martini, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

Chester H. Adams, City Attorney