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**WHEREAS**, the Summer Outburst Program is provided by the Sparks Parks and Recreation Department to children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the summer break from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every weekday; and

WHEREAS, the staff selected is instrumental in the ongoing success of the funthemed weekly program that includes arts and crafts, swimming, roller skating, bowling, active and passive games, movies, miniature golf, water slides, special guests and more; and

**WHEREAS**, it is staffs' responsibility to ensure the safety of up to 200 children each day which in turn gives the child's parents the confidence to trust their child in our care; and

WHEREAS, staff responded calmly and professionally to a first experience of sheltering in place on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at the Recreation Gym which was not an easy task with 178 children and minimal details of what was occurring near the front of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the fast reactions for communications with the families was exceptional.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI,** Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in commending and thanking all Parks and Recreation staff for their professionalism and integrity of service to the Sparks' community. You truly contribute to the quality of life we all enjoy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

<u>Leresa Gardner</u> TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk