



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks, the Washoe County School District, and Parent Leaders for Education have come together to advocate for a new culture in Nevada, one which promotes education as its top priority and considers it the best means to achieve economic stability, strong future leaders, and more productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe quality education should be the #1 priority in Nevada; should allow all students to achieve their potential; requires a partnership of schools, parents, business, government, and community; is the only path to sustainable economic stability and strong communities in Nevada; and needs to be supported by adequate resources; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County School District remains on its reform path with the *'Envision WCSD 2015 - Investing in Our Future'* five-year strategic plan detailing a mission to create an education system where all students achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve career and college readiness for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, there is a definitive link between education and the economy, and in Nevada the best economic stimulus package is investing in education; and

WHEREAS, business, government, community, and education leaders must join together to help define, promote, and implement the changes necessary to improve our schools; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leaders for Education is asking all public officials to **Communicate** with their constituents, **Cooperate** with each other, and **Create** a New Nevada by promoting adequate and stable funding for education, therefore creating the high quality workforce necessary to drive economic growth and stability and make a better future for all Nevadans;

WHEREAS, Parent Leaders for Education is inviting all northern Nevada public officials to visit a school in their district to better understand public K-12 education issues and to listen to their constituents share their view that **Quality Education is Important**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim January 14 – 18, 2013:

"PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK"

and encourage all citizens to participate in the events planned by the Parent Leaders for Education to become more informed of the funding challenges facing Nevada public schools and to add their voices and support to the message that **Quality Education is Important**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 17th day of December, 2012.

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

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda K. Patterson".

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk

