

City of  
**Sparks**  
**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, residents of Sparks called 911 or non-emergency dispatch for help in emergencies and for other assistance over 177,000 times in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, our Emergency Communications Dispatchers are the first contact for a person in crisis and are knowledgeable, highly trained employees who work closely with police, fire and emergency medical personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Sparks emergency communications center; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

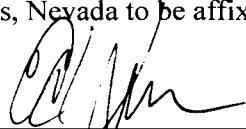
**WHEREAS**, Sparks residents enjoy a high standard of public safety because of the Emergency Communications personnel who apply their expertise in dispatching help to ensure public safety; and

**WHEREAS** each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Ed Lawson, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and join with the City Council in acknowledging and thanking our Public Safety Dispatch Supervisors: Cherie Terry, Maureen Dyette, Mary Holbrook, David Brown, and Lydia McCoy; and Dispatchers; Lisa Buckles, Shelley Burkhart, Denise Wagner, Mary Hail, Lori Howard, Stephanie Buck, Mieka McGhin, Christopher Luciano, Amy Moore, Shirley Campbell, Alicia Mervau and Samantha Cunningham.

**“ National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week ”**

**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 April, 2021.

  
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ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

