



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the town of Longford Ireland is the County Town for County Longford, one of thirty-two counties in the island of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the town of Longford and the City of Sparks, Nevada in the United States of America, did, in 1976, establish a twin city relationship, becoming the first twinning of a city in America with Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks, Nevada, in 1976, and in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the United State of America, established the neighborhood recreational park known as Longford Park in the City of Sparks; and

WHEREAS, Longford Park, in the City of Sparks, is a consistent and regular reminder of the relationships our twin cities have forged; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks, Nevada, highly values this unique twinning and was honored in 2005 to host a delegation of Longford Councillors and dignitaries to our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks, Nevada acknowledges and celebrates Irish arts, culture and history, and the impact the people of Ireland have made in our own American heritage and history; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Republic of Ireland will celebrate the nation's 100th anniversary of its Independence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks, Nevada, joins in the celebration of the birth of the Irish nation in 2016, and sends best wishes to Longford Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, do hereby proclaim April 24th, 2016 as:

"LONGFORD, IRELAND DAY"

and encourage all citizens in the City of Sparks to join in remembrance of our friends in the city of Longford, Ireland, and in the unique and enduring relationships our two cities have forged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2016.


GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:


TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

