



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Food Day is a national day to examine our food system and advocate for improved food policies; and

WHEREAS, food is a basic human need and all residents of Sparks, Nevada should have access to nutritious, affordable, sustainable, regionally grown food; and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent of the population in Washoe County is food insecure and the nine food deserts within the County result in families with limited access to food; and

WHEREAS, our regional food system significantly affects the public health, economy, land use, quality of life, and future of our growing community; and

WHEREAS, a strong regional food system which supports food production, processing, distribution, storage, and access, while minimizing waste, will conserve our natural resources and contribute to the environmental and economic health and prosperity of our region; and

WHEREAS, the Sparks City Council has a vital role in ensuring that our regional food system is robust and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the Sparks City Council is committed to supporting the efforts of the Washoe County Food Policy Council and considering healthy food access and a sustainable regional food system when making policy decisions and updating future strategic plans, vision, values, goals, and objectives.

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

“FOOD DAY”

in Sparks and encourage support for healthy food access and a sustainable regional food system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 14th day of October, 2016.

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

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna DiCarlo for".

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

