



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year, over 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury, about every 17 seconds - among those who survive, 275,000 people per year must learn to cope with lifelong losses of function; and

WHEREAS, 5.3 million Americans - 2% of the U.S. population currently live with disabilities resulting from a brain injury; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle accidents cause 17% of brain injuries; falls, 35%; assaults and firearms, 26%; sports and recreation and other, 22%; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 200,000 children are hospitalized each year with brain trauma and 30,000 sustain permanent disabilities – this is increasing with awareness; and

WHEREAS, every year in the U.S., 50,000 children sustain bicycle-related brain injuries; of those, over 400 die; and

WHEREAS, males are twice as likely to sustain a brain injury than females, and young men between the ages of 15 and 24 have the highest rate of injury; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 28th, Nevada's Annual *PUSH, PULL OR DRAG 5K* goal is to bring more awareness and prevention to Northern Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as:

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

In and for the City of Sparks, and encourage all citizens to give recognition and appreciation to the Brain Recovery Assistants Institute of Nevada (B.R.A.I.N.) and "Because I Can" Foundation for their mission to help brain injury survivors put their lives back together by regaining independence through support, empowerment, resources, public awareness, education, and youth prevention programs.

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, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Geno R. Martini in black ink.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Teresa Gardner in blue ink.

TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

