



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every year, over 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury - about every 18 seconds; and 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; 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 every year, 177,000 Americans will die as a result of a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 29th, Nevada's 3rd Annual *Walk for Thought* is being held at the Sparks Marina at 10 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as:

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

In and for the City of Sparks, and encourage all citizens to give recognition and appreciation to the Head Injury Association Nevada (HIANN) for their mission to help brain injury survivors put their lives together "piece by piece" 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 13th day of March, 2014.



GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:


TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

