

CITY OF SPARKS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan was proclaimed on May 28, 1918, stretching from the Caucasus mountains in the north to the Araxes river in the south, the Caspian Sea in the east to Kerki in the west, and became the first secular Muslim parliamentary democratic republic in the history of the world, and was recognized as such by other democratic nations of the time including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the modern Republic of Azerbaijan has an area of 33,440 square miles, including the exclave of Naxcivan and the Karabakh region, and is situated in the South Caucasus region, southeastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, the territorial integrity, state sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan is unconditionally supported by the United States; and

WHEREAS, annually for the last 91 years, an estimated 40 million Azerbaijanis around the globe have observed May 28 as the National Day of Azerbaijan and remember the contributions of their forefathers to the spread of freedom and democracy in the Caucasus and the greater region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2009

AZERBAIJAN NATIONAL DAY

and call upon the residents of Sparks to join me in observing this day.

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 May, 2009.


GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:


LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk

