

City of Sparks

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6% of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed and fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be detected by a simple blood test; and

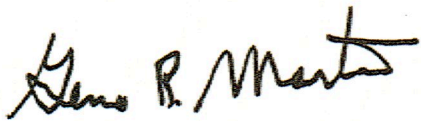
WHEREAS, is it important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as:

“ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 19th day of September, 2018.



GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:



TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

