



# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:**            **Proclamation Declaring May 1, 2012 through May 7, 2012 as Youth Week in Clarkdale, Arizona** – Approval of a Proclamation declaring May 1, 2012 through May 7, 2012 as Youth Week in the Town of Clarkdale.

**Sponsored By:**        Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

**Staff Contact:**         Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director

**Meeting Date:**         April 24, 2012

**Background:**            Each year the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks selects a week to honor our local youth. This year they have selected May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> as National Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments and to give a fitting recognition of their services to Community, State, and Nation.

**Recommendation:**    Staff recommends that council approve the Proclamation declaring May 1, 2012 through May 7, 2012 as Youth Week in the Town of Clarkdale.

# Proclamation

Proclaiming May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> , 2012 as  
Town of Clarkdale Youth Week

*Whereas, The Benevolent and protective order of Elks has designated the May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup> , as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to Community, State and Nation; and*

*Whereas, Jerome Lodge #1361 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this community; and*

*Whereas, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resources, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and*

*Whereas, our Youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and go forth to serve America; and*

*Whereas, to achieve this worthy objective, we should demonstrate our partnership with Youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.*

*Now, Therefore , the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale do hereby proclaim the first week in May as Youth Week, and urge all departments of government, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and our citizens generally, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.*

*Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012*

*Doug Von Gausig, Mayor*