



# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:** Proclamation - April 2008, As Substance Abuse Awareness Month - Approval of a Proclamation declaring April 2008, Substance Abuse Awareness Month in the Town of Clarkdale.

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

**Staff Contact:** Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

**Meeting Date:** March 25, 2008

**Background:** Substance abuse affects the Town of Clarkdale and our residents. The more we are aware of the damage that substance abuse cause with crimes against others and harm to those who abuse substances then we become aware that this is a community problem. April 2008, is "Substance Abuse Awareness Month" this will heighten public awareness of the dangers.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that council approve the Proclamation declaring April 2008, as Substance Awareness Month.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **APRIL – SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, few citizens of the Town of Clarkdale are unaffected by substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse is directly associated with crimes against persons and property, domestic violence, physical illness, child abuse, driving while impaired and drug-related vehicular collisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the resources and capacity of the courts and detention system, hospital emergency rooms and providers of behavioral health services are severely stretched by the proliferation of methamphetamine and other substances within the Town of Clarkdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clarkdale has united against methamphetamine and drugs and alcohol abuse to form MATForce, the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, MATForce views substance abuse as a community problem that is best addressed through a variety of strategies that bring together education, treatment and criminal justice resources in a coordinated, individualized approach; and

**WHEREAS**, MATForce has declared April 2008, as “Substance Abuse Awareness Month” to heighten public awareness of the dangers of substance abuse and of available treatment options.

**THEREFORE**, the Town of Clarkdale proclaims the month of April 2008 as Substance Abuse Awareness Month.

**DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.**

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**Doug Von Gausig, Mayor  
Town of Clarkdale**