



Staff Report

Agenda Item: Proclamation – April 2009, 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: April 14, 2009

Background: Substance abuse affects the Town of Clarkdale and our residents. The community needs to be aware of the damage that substance abuse causes. April 2009, is “Substance Abuse Awareness Month” which will heighten public awareness of the dangers.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that council approve the Proclamation declaring April 2009, 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, economic loss, destruction of families, 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, illegal drugs and abuse of other substances such as prescription drugs within the Town of Clarkdale; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkdale has united against methamphetamine, illegal drugs, prescription 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 2009 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 2009 as Substance Abuse Awareness Month.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2009.

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor
Town of Clarkdale