



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Proclamation Declaring September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month** – Approval of a proclamation from MATForce declaring the month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Sponsored By: Richard Dehnert, Councilmember

Staff Contact: Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting Date: September 22, 2009

Background: MATForce the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition is sponsoring two **Voices for Recovery Celebrations** in September, featuring food, music, information and speakers. These annual celebrations honor the lives, families and communities that have been and can be healed through recovery from drug or alcohol addiction.

This year's theme is *“Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal.”*

Recommendation: Approval of the proclamation declaring the month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Proclaiming September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use disorders and their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance use disorder in 2007, and 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness; and

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that 8.9 percent of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction; and

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our community to increase people's awareness about how substance use disorders affect children, families, and our society; and

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and **MATForce the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition** invite all residents of **Clarkdale** to participate in the 20th anniversary of ***National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month***, September 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Von Gausig, Mayor Town of Clarkdale, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of **the Town of Clarkdale**, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in **Clarkdale** and call upon the people of **Clarkdale** to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "***Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal.***"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of September, 2009.

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

SAVE THE DATE...to CELEBRATE !!!

Real People, Real Recovery

A powerful event in conjunction with
September 2009 National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery

Saturday...September 19th, 2009

Cottonwood's Riverfront Park 10am -2pm

Food, Music,

Educational Information

Testimonials of the Power of Recovery from Real People!

Brought to you
by Yavapai County
agencies that believe
lives, families and
communities can be, and
are being, healed through
recovery from
addiction to alcohol
and drugs.

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