Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Resolution Declaring Arizona Cities and Towns Week** – Approval of a resolution declaring October 19 through October 23, 2009 as Arizona Cities & Towns Week.

Staff Contact: Dawn Norman, Community Services Supervisor

Meeting Date: October 13, 2009

Background: The League of Arizona Cities and Towns has requested Council to approve this Resolution and declare October 19 through October 23, 2009 as Arizona Cities & Towns Week.

The purpose of Arizona Cities & Towns Week is to encourage communities, elected officials, citizens, youth and city and town service workers to interact and recognize the city/town services and programs that better our quality of life. This week is set aside each year to educate citizens about the important services and programs provided by their city or town, and the employees that provide them.

In celebration of Arizona Cities & Towns Week, Town Staff has scheduled activities with Clarkdale-Jerome School. Staff has invited the kindergarten and first grade classes to tour Town Hall and learn about local government. In addition, a poster contest is being offered for students in 2nd through 5th grades. This year's theme is: "If I were a Town of Clarkdale Employee my job would be…". During the week of Arizona Cities and Towns the students' artwork will be on display in the Clark Memorial Library.

Recommendation: To approve Resolution # _____ declaring October 19 through October 23, 2009 as Arizona Cities & Towns Week.

2009 Cities & Towns Week

October 19 - 23, 2009

The Town of Clarkdale will join municipalities across the state of Arizona and take part in the League of Arizona Cities and Towns' 8th annual *Cities & Towns Week,* October 19 - 23, 2009. Participating in *Cities & Towns Week* offers our community an important opportunity to join together with cities and towns across the state to highlight local government's essential contribution to our citizen's daily lives.

The purpose of *Cities & Towns Week* is to encourage communities; elected officials, citizens, youth and city and town service workers to interact and celebrate superior delivery of the services that better their quality of life. This week is set aside each year to provide citizens with important information about the services and programs provided by their city/town, and to introduce the employees that deliver them.

To celebrate Cities and Towns Week the Town of Clarkdale is hosting a poster contest for Clarkdale-Jerome School 2nd through 5th grade students. This year's theme is: **"If I were a Town of Clarkdale Employee my job would be..."**.

During the week of Arizona Cities and Towns the students' artwork will be on display at the Clarkdale Library. Please be sure to visit the library to check out their artwork October 15th - 22nd.

Library Hours are: Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

One winner will be selected from each grade level and will receive a $10 Wal-Mart gift card. The winners will be announced on Thursday, October 22nd. All entries must be submitted to the school office no later than Thursday, October 8th.

Any questions regarding the contest or if you would like to learn more about Cities and Towns Week please contact Dawn Norman, Community Services Supervisor, at 639-2490.

Resolution # _____

Whereas; *the citizens of Clarkdale rely on local government to experience a high quality of life in our community; and*

Whereas; *local governments around the State of Arizona work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deliver services such as fire, police and emergency medical services to create safe communities; and*

Whereas; *the methods of funding these vital Town services are not always clearly understood by citizens; and*

Whereas; *it is one of the responsibilities of Town officials to ensure that legislators, media and citizens understand their local government through open and frequent communication using various avenues and means; and*

Whereas; *it is important to work to encourage this connection and inform citizens and state legislators of the importance of state shared revenues in order to preserve the excellent delivery of services that our citizens have come to expect in our Town; and*

Whereas; *through education and awareness, citizens, community leaders and city staff can work together to ensure that services provided by Clarkdale can remain exceptional elements of the quality of life of our community.*

Now therefore *be it resolved that the Town of Clarkdale joins with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and fellow municipalities across the state of Arizona in declaring October 19-23, 2009, Arizona Cities & Towns Week.*

Dated this 13th day of October, 2009

ATTEST:

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor *Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk*