Staff Report

Agenda Item: **Proclamation Declaring October 2009 as National Community Planning Month** – Approval of a proclamation declaring October 2009 as National Community Planning Month.

Sponsored By: Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Staff Contact: Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting Date: October 27, 2009

Background: The Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association has requested that Council proclaim the month of October 2009 as National Community Planning Month in an effort to build awareness about the planning profession.

Clarkdale began as a planned community in 1912 and values the work done by the Clarkdale Planning Commission and Community Development Department.

Recommendation: Approval of a proclamation declaring October 2009 as National community Planning Month.

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environments; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the Town of Clarkdale; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the Town of Clarkdale and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be proclaimed that, the month of October 2009 is hereby designated as Community Planning Month in the Town of Clarkdale in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Adopted this 27th day of October, 2009.

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor