



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING APRIL AS:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, substance abuse has far reaching effects upon the citizens of the Town of Camp Verde, impacting individuals, families, friends, adults and children alike, 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 Camp Verde; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Camp Verde has united against illegal drugs, as well as prescription drug and alcohol abuse, in a collaborative partnership with 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, prevention, treatment and criminal justice resources in a coordinated, individualized approach; and

WHEREAS, MATForce has declared April 2011 as "Substance Abuse Awareness Month" to heighten public awareness of the dangers of substance abuse and of available treatment options.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Camp Verde, Arizona, do hereby Proclaim the month of April 2011 as Substance Abuse Awareness Month.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.



Bob Burnside, Mayor
Town of Camp Verde

ATTEST:



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk