

Proclamation

Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative 2013

WHEREAS, citizens of the Town of Prescott Valley: are affected by prescription drug abuse, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control declared prescription drug abuse an epidemic with far reaching effects upon the citizens of the Town of Prescott Valley: impacting individuals, families, friends, adults and children alike, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 40 deaths per day nationwide are due to prescription drugs, exceeding the number of deaths related to heroin and cocaine combined and for the first time in history, drug poisoning deaths are the number one cause of accidental deaths in America. Prescription drug abuse is also directly associated with crimes against persons and property, physical illness, addiction, accidental death, economic loss, child abuse, 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 prescription drug abuse within the community, and

WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse is a community problem best addressed through a variety of strategies that bring together education, prevention, treatment and criminal justice resources in a coordinated, individualized approach; and

WHEREAS, Yavapai County has been selected by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to implement the Prescription Drug Reduction Initiative and whereas the Town of Prescott Valley: has united against prescription drug abuse in partnership with MATFORCE.

WHEREAS, under the Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative, Yavapai County and MATFORCE have implemented strategies to reduce prescription drug misuse and the consequences associated with this epidemic to improve the health of our communities and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Harvey Skoog, Mayor of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona proclaims support for the Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative.

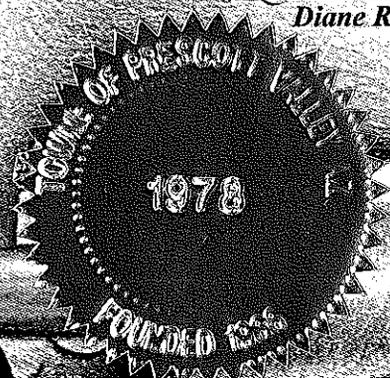
In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Prescott Valley to be affixed this 14th day of February, 2013.

Attest:

Diane Russell
Diane Russell, Town Clerk

Mayor:

Harvey C. Skoog
Harvey C. Skoog, Mayor



Town of Prescott Valley