



## PROCLAMATION

### *Substance Abuse Awareness Month - April 2011*



*Whereas, substance abuse has far reaching effects upon the citizens of the Town of Chino Valley, 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 Chino Valley; and*

*Whereas, the Town of Chino Valley 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;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Jim Bunker, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as Substance Abuse Awareness Month in Chino Valley, Arizona, and urge all of our citizens to recognize this observance.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this 12th day of April 2011.*

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Jim Bunker, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk