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Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig Elected President of League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Clarkdale, AZ (February 13, 2012) – Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig was sworn in as the President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns at the February 10, 2012 Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Von Gausig was first elected to the Executive Committee in 2008, and was named the Vice President of the organization in November, 2010. He is the first Mayor from the Verde Valley and the second Mayor from Yavapai County (Prescott Mayor Whetstine held the position in 1944) to hold the President's position since the League was formed in 1937.

The League of Cities and Towns is governed by a 25-member Executive Committee that sets policy relating to legislative and organizational matters. The Executive Committee is led by a 3-member slate of League Officers. Mayor Von Gausig will work with Tempe Councilmember Mark Mitchell (Vice President) and Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny (Treasurer) as Officers for the 25 member Executive Committee.

To set the stage for the next few years at the League, Mayor Von Gausig and the other members of the Executive Committee held a Strategic Planning Retreat on January 5 and 6, 2012. Following the retreat, Mayor Von Gausig noted, "The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is committed to educating both our legislators and our citizens about the value of local government in their daily lives. We're working hard to help our 91 member cities and towns deliver services to their citizens in the most efficient, responsive, economic and responsible way possible."

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all 91 incorporated cities and towns in the State of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination. In short, home rule and local determination are the beliefs that local decisions are best made by local decision makers and not by officials at some other level of government.