## Rew Jersey Casino Control Commission Resolution Ro. 17-03-08-15



## RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH AS A PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting New Jersey residents of all ages, racial and ethnic backgrounds and which has a significant societal and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling affects individuals, families, co-workers and the community; and

WHEREAS, informing and educating the public how to "Have the Conversation" about problem and disordered gambling and of the services available to assist problem gamblers and their families is the theme of Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Problem Gambling Awareness Month is to increase awareness about problem and disordered gambling among health professionals, problem gamblers and the general public and where they can go for help; and

WHEREAS, efforts to assist problem and disordered gamblers through the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement's Self-Exclusion Program, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey's 1-800-GAMBLER hotline, counselling, Gamblers Anonymous and treatment programs have significant positive impacts on gamblers, their families and society as a whole; and



whereas, efforts to recognize problem and disordered gambling as an addiction, to educate people about its signs and symptoms, to develop programs to prevent and treat problem and disordered gambling, and to promote responsible gambling are critical to dealing with the challenges created by problem and disordered gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Commission works together with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to promote awareness of problem gambling issues and of its 24-hour helpline, 1-800-GAMBLER; and

WHEREAS, Governor Chris Christie has designated March 2017 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Casino Control Commission supports Problem Gambling Awareness Month and hereby expresses its gratitude for the ongoing efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to offer prevention, treatment and hope to those effected by problem gambling.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be placed in the record as a commemoration of our support and appreciation.

Matthew B. Levinson, Chairman and CEO

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