



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting New Jersey residents of all ages and racial and ethnic backgrounds in communities throughout the state and has a significant societal and economic cost; and*

WHEREAS, *New Jersey's rate of problem gambling is approximately about three times the national average; and*

WHEREAS, *most individuals with a gambling disorder also have a mental health and/or alcohol/substance use diagnosis; New Jersey has funded treatment providers to serve individuals with these co-occurring disorders, in addition to funding training on gambling disorder and its treatment; and*

WHEREAS, *problem gambling is a treatable disorder and proper management is invaluable in minimizing the harm to individuals, their families and society as a whole; and*

WHEREAS, *promoting an awareness month provides individuals in the problem gambling prevention and treatment community with an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and*

WHEREAS, *healthcare providers are encouraged to screen individuals for problem gambling and to assist with access to treatment; and*

WHEREAS, *numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated themselves to educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and success of treatment; and*

WHEREAS, *individuals can call the 1-800-GAMBLER Helpline, operated by The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, to get 24/7 help for those struggling with problem gambling, or visit www.800gambler.org to learn about the Council's services and resources; and*

WHEREAS, *The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey's theme for the observance of Problem Gambling Awareness Month is "Betting on Change: Confronting the Surge in Problem Gambling";*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 2024

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PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this nineteenth day of February in the year two thousand twenty-four, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.


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