



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, *problem gambling is a treatable disease 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 community with an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; 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, *March 3 through March 9, 2013 is recognized nationally as Problem Gambling Awareness Week;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 2013

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PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage all residents to help spread the message that there is help for problem gamblers through treatment as well as support for those who are in treatment or recovery and their families.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth day of February in the year two thousand thirteen, the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR