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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of March, 2016 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey

March 16, 2016

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting New Jersey residents that has a significant societal and economic cost; and,

WHEREAS, problem gambling affects many people, not just the problem gambler, and can negatively affect individuals financially, spiritually, cognitively, emotionally and legally; and,

WHEREAS, adolescent problem gamblers are significantly more likely than others to have skipped school, with frequent gambling by adolescents showing a correlation with alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use; and,

WHEREAS, March 2016 is "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month," an effort by the National Council on Problem Gambling and its State affiliate councils including the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc., to raise awareness to those suffering from a gambling addiction; and,

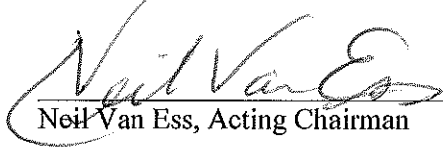
WHEREAS, the 2016 campaign theme for National Problem Gambling Awareness Month is "Have the Conversation," with the goal of the campaign being the education of the public and healthcare professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling, and the promotion of the availability of help and hope both locally and nationally; and,

WHEREAS, gamblers don't have to be alone, support is available, and they can benefit from programs that help treat and prevent gambling addiction; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Christie has signed a proclamation making March "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes March 2016 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.


Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman


Date