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RESOLUTION

**Recognizing the Month of March 2023 as
“Problem Gambling Awareness Month” in New Jersey**

March 21, 2023

WHEREAS, the 2023 Problem Gambling Awareness Month theme is “Celebrating 20 Years” acknowledging the 20th year of this observance, to increase public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, 2 million U.S. adults (1%) are estimated to meet the criteria for severe gambling problems in a given year, with another 4-6 million (2-3%) considered to have mild or moderate gambling problems; and

WHEREAS, Problem gambling includes all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuit, and anyone who gambles can develop problems; and

WHEREAS, Gambling Disorder Screening Day, established in 2014, takes place the second Tuesday of March to support providers in the identification of Gambling Disorder, to help identify individuals who might have Gambling Disorder and need a further assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey (CCGNJ) recognizing that problem gambling is a treatable condition, provides support that includes 1-800-GAMBLER, focusing on educating the public, training professionals, referring problem and disordered gamblers and their families to treatment, and advocating for increased treatment services; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Health, the recent growth of gambling problems among youth around the world is alarming, with greater accessibility, availability, and promotion of gambling, attracting more and more youth to perceived excitement and financial gain, making the potential for future problems among youth higher than ever.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes March 2023 as “Problem Gambling Awareness Month” in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, the New Jersey Legislature, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors, and County Alliance Coordinators.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

March 21, 2023

Date