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## RESOLUTION

### Recognizing the Month of March 2024 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey

March 19, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) 2024 Problem Gambling Awareness Month theme is "Every Story Matters," #PGAM2024, a reminder that every narrative, battle and triumph related to problem gambling is significant, aiming to elevate these stories, fostering understanding and support within our communities, to amplify awareness, break down stigmas and emphasize that when it comes to problem gambling, Every Story Matters; and

**WHEREAS**, though problem gambling does not discriminate, children and teens are at higher risk than adults for developing a gambling problem, especially with the prevalence and promotion of online gambling and gaming, with those starting at a young age being more likely to develop a gambling addiction later in life; and

**WHEREAS**, a Rutgers 2023 gambling in New Jersey prevalence report found a third of bettors 18 to 24 exclusively wagered online rather than being inside a casino or in-person facility, with the statistic showing the rate to be five times higher than the previous 2017 report, and more than any other age group; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, (CCGNJ) represents the best interest of problem and disordered gamblers and their families, recognizing that problem gambling is a treatable condition, focusing on education for the public, training for professionals, and referring disordered gamblers and their families to treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, CCGNJG works with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, provides the executive and legislative branches of State government with relevant data on problem and disordered gambling, and also provides assistance to private or public agencies who request it.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder hereby recognizes March 2024 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 19, 2024  
Date