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RESOLUTION

Recognizing March 3, 2013 through March 9, 2013 as
"National Problem Gambling Awareness Week" and March 2013 as
"Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey

April 16, 2013

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health issue with an estimated 350,000 New Jersey residents considered to be pathological, problem or at-risk gamblers which has a significant societal and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, March 3, 2013 through March 9, 2013 is the 11th annual "National Problem Gambling Awareness Week", an effort by the National Council on Problem Gambling and its 34 State affiliate councils including the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc; and,

WHEREAS, the month of March 2013 has been designated "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the theme of the Problem Gambling Awareness Month in New Jersey is "Problem Gambling: A New Understanding of a Community Concern", which focuses on the upcoming change in the classification of gambling disorders by the American Psychiatric Association as a behavioral addiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the week of March 3 through March 9, 2013 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Week" and recognizes the month of March 2013 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, Inc., County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.


Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

16 April 2013
Date