

## Rew Jersey Casino Control Commission Resolution Ro. 20-03-11-15

## RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH AS PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health issue that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and one 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 an opportunity for the problem gambling community to educate the public and policymakers about the treatment and support services available for problem gamblers and the social and financial effectiveness of those services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, through the Division of Gaming Enforcement, operates a Self-Exclusion program and, through fees imposed on casinos, provides financial support for the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey and its 24-hour-a-day 1-800-GAMBLER hotline; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts by the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Gamblers Anonymous, and counselling and treatment programs all have



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significant positive impacts on gamblers, their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy designated March 2020 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey which provides an opportunity to further encourage the efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling to educate the general public and health care professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling and to raise awareness of the help that is available both locally and nationally through its statewide campaign, "Awareness + Action."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Casino Control Commission supports Problem Gambling Awareness Month and hereby expresses its gratitude for the ongoing efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to offer prevention, treatment and hope to those effected by problem gambling.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be placed in the record as a commemoration of our support and appreciation.

James T. Plousis, Chairman

Sharon A. Harrington, Vice Chair

Alisa B. Cooper, Commissioner