WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting New Jersey residents throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant personal, societal, and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a treatable disorder and proper management is invaluable in minimizing the harm to individuals, their families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated themselves to educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and success of treatment; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers are encouraged to screen individuals for problem gambling and to assist with access to treatment; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Problem Gambling Awareness Month provides individuals in the problem gambling prevention and treatment community with an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 2022
AS
PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eighteenth day of February in the year two thousand twenty-two, the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.