

New Jersey Casino Control Commission Resolution Ro. 23-03-08-17

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 treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to individuals, their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, promoting an awareness month provides an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the prevention, treatment and recovery services available for problem gamblers and encourage healthcare providers to screen clients for problem gambling; 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-confidential 1-800-GAMBLER helpline (1-800-426-2537); and

WHEREAS, efforts by the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey over the course of forty (40) years since its inception in 1983, Gamblers Anonymous, and counselling and treatment programs, all have significant



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positive impacts on gamblers, their families and communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy designated March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey thereby providing an opportunity to further encourage the efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling to educate the general public and health care professionals to prevent the onset or worsening of a gambling problem and raise awareness of programs and services that are available both throughout the State and nationally through the national campaign, "Celebrating 20 Years".

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 affected 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

Alisa B. Cooper, Vice Chair

Joyce Mollineaux, Commissioner