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**Chairman Plousis Acknowledges March 2026  
as Problem Gambling Awareness Month**

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Governor Sherrill, by [Proclamation](#), has designated March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in New Jersey, coinciding with National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Most people who gamble do so as a form of entertainment – socially and with no problems. However, some people develop problems with gambling or are at risk of addiction. Young people, too, can be at serious risk.

The month-long observance offers an opportunity for organizations such as the [Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey](#), led by its Executive Director, Luis Del Orbe, to educate the general public and health care professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling. The Council promotes awareness of critical information, resources, and support available year-round.

The Council’s statewide campaign this year is appropriately themed, “Shine a Light and Take a Stand: Unmasking the Hidden Epidemic.” The human impact of problem gambling can be staggering. It affects not just the lives of people who have a gambling problem – harm often extends to their families as well.

With the growing prevalence of online gambling, New Jersey has expanded options to enroll in the Self-Exclusion Program. The Division of Gaming

Enforcement, through its [Responsible Gaming Initiative](#) led by Deputy Attorney General Jamie McKelvey, has enhanced its efforts to coordinate with the gaming industry to identify and provide help to at-risk patrons.

The [Commission applauds](#) the efforts of both the Council on Compulsive Gambling and the Division to support and promote responsible gaming, and to increase outreach to people who show signs of a gambling disorder. On behalf of the Commission, we look forward to continuing to support their critical work in this area in the years ahead.

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