

## State of New Iersey

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PO Box 345 Trenton, NJ 08625-0345

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## RESOLUTION

## Recognizing March 2014 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey

## March 18, 2014

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting New Jersey residents and has a significant societal and economic cost; and,

WHEREAS, problem gambling can negatively affect individuals financially, spiritually, cognitively, emotionally and legally; and,

**WHEREAS**, March 2014 is "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month", an effort by the National Council on Problem Gambling and its State affiliate councils including the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc., to raise awareness to those suffering from a gambling addiction; and,

WHEREAS, the National Problem Gambling Awareness Month theme, "Navigate Problem Gambling", encourages healthcare providers to screen their clients for gambling problems and promote recovery from this "hidden addiction"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Christie has signed a proclamation making March "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes March 2014 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

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