

State of New Jersey

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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of March, 2015 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey

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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 effect individuals financially, spiritually, cognitively, emotionally and legally; and,

WHEREAS, March 2015 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 2015 campaign theme for National Problem Gambling Awareness Month is "Have the Conversation", with the goal of the campaign being the education of the public and healthcare professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling, and the promotion of the availability of help and hope both locally and nationally; and,

WHEREAS, most adults gamble or know someone who gambles, and therefore could benefit from programs to prevent gambling 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 the month of March 2015 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 Algoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

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