
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
FEBRUARY 4, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2011 as "Problem Gambling
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and observing the week of
3 March 6 through 12, 2011, as "National Problem Gambling
4 Awareness Week."

5 WHEREAS, Individuals across the country and in this
6 Commonwealth enjoy the recreational aspects of legalized
7 gambling; and

8 WHEREAS, For some individuals and families, gambling becomes
9 an issue affecting and disrupting the lives of these individuals
10 and their families; and

11 WHEREAS, The National Council of Problem Gambling (NCPG)
12 reports that 2% to 3% of the United States population, which
13 equates to between six to nine million Americans, will have a
14 gambling problem in any given year; and

15 WHEREAS, Problem gambling should be considered a public
16 health issue affecting individuals of all ages, races and ethnic
17 backgrounds in all communities and having a significant societal

1 and economic cost; and

2 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is
3 effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society
4 as a whole; and

5 WHEREAS, Only a limited number of individuals affected by
6 problem gambling seek out treatment options and utilize existing
7 problem gambling programs; and

8 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals and
9 organizations have dedicated their efforts to public awareness
10 of problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of
11 treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, The NCPG is coordinating the Ninth Annual National
13 Problem Gambling Awareness Week campaign during March 6 through
14 12, 2011, which seeks to educate the public about the impact of
15 problem gambling and the availability of treatment options;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2011
18 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
19 observe the week of March 6 through 12, 2011, as "National
20 Problem Gambling Awareness Week"; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Pennsylvania Gaming
22 Control Board to continue its outreach efforts and to work with
23 the Pennsylvania gaming industry as a whole and with slot
24 machine licensees to develop and implement problem gambling
25 programs at licensed facilities and further promote community-
26 based programs in this Commonwealth; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol
28 Programs within the Department of Health, the Pennsylvania
29 Gaming Control Board and individuals, professionals and
30 organizations dedicated to public awareness and treatment of

1 problem gambling to jointly create, develop and promote public
2 awareness campaigns regarding the recognition and prevention of
3 problem gambling; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all the citizens of this
5 Commonwealth to learn more about problem gambling and the
6 programs available to help individuals and their families who
7 have been adversely affected by this issue.