
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER,
TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, FERLO, STACK, WHITE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY,
GORDNER, BLAKE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, COSTA,
SOLOBAY, BROWNE AND WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2013 as "Problem Gambling
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and observing the week of
3 March 3 through 9, 2013, 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 is a public health issue affecting
16 individuals of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in all
17 communities and having a significant societal and economic cost;
18 and

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The NCPG is coordinating the Eleventh Annual
12 National Problem Gambling Awareness Week campaign during March 3
13 through 9, 2013, which seeks to educate the public about the
14 impact of problem gambling and the availability of treatment
15 options; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2013
17 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
18 observe the week of March 3 through 9, 2013, as "National
19 Problem Gambling Awareness Week"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Pennsylvania Gaming
21 Control Board to continue its outreach efforts and to work with
22 the Pennsylvania gaming industry to develop and implement
23 problem gambling programs and further promote community-based
24 programs in this Commonwealth; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Department of Health in
26 conjunction with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs,
27 the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and individuals,
28 professionals and organizations dedicated to public awareness
29 and treatment of problem gambling to jointly create, develop and
30 promote public awareness campaigns regarding the recognition and

1 prevention of problem gambling; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all the citizens of this
3 Commonwealth to learn more about problem gambling and the
4 programs available to help individuals and their families who
5 have been adversely affected by this issue.