

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2023 as "Problem Gambling
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the month of
3 March 2023 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month."

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

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

10 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)
11 reports that 2% to 3% of the United States population, which
12 equates to between 6.5 million and 10 million Americans, will
13 have a gambling problem in any given year; and

14 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting
15 individuals of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in all
16 communities and has a significant societal and economic cost;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is

1 effective in minimizing the harm to individuals, families and
2 society as a whole; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, NCPG is coordinating the annual "National Problem
11 Gambling Awareness Month" campaign during March 2023 to educate
12 the public about the impact of problem gambling and the
13 availability of treatment options; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 month of March 2023 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in
16 Pennsylvania and recognize the month of March 2023 as "National
17 Problem Gambling Awareness Month"; and be it further

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
24 Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Department of
25 Revenue, through efforts of the Pennsylvania Lottery in
26 conjunction with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, and
27 individuals, professionals and organizations dedicated to public
28 awareness and treatment of problem gambling to jointly create,
29 develop and promote public awareness campaigns regarding the
30 recognition and prevention of problem gambling; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize that
3 problem gambling is a public health issue impacting residents in
4 this Commonwealth in a harmful way which must be addressed in a
5 reasonable and responsible manner; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all the
7 residents of this Commonwealth to learn more about problem
8 gambling and the programs available to help those individuals
9 and families who have been adversely affected by this issue.

