
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 12, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of March 5 through 11, 2007, as "National
2 Problem Gambling Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Individuals across the country and in Pennsylvania
4 enjoy the recreational aspects of legalized gaming; and

5 WHEREAS, For some individuals and families, gambling becomes
6 a significant disruption; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Council of Problem Gambling (NCPG)
8 reports that 2% to 3% of the United States population will have
9 a gambling problem in any given year; and

10 WHEREAS, Problem gambling should be considered a public
11 health issue affecting individuals of all ages, races and ethnic
12 backgrounds in all communities and having a significant societal
13 and economic cost; and

14 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable and treatment is
15 effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society
16 as a whole; and

1 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals and
2 organizations have dedicated their efforts to public awareness
3 of problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of
4 treatment; and

5 WHEREAS, The NCPG is coordinating the Fifth Annual Problem
6 Gambling Awareness Week campaign, which seeks to educate the
7 public about the impact of problem gambling and the availability
8 of treatment options; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe the week
10 of March 5 through 11, 2007, as "National Problem Gambling
11 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
13 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to continue efforts to work
14 with Pennsylvania gaming licensees to develop and implement
15 problem gambling programs at licensed facilities and further
16 promote community-based programs in this Commonwealth; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all the
19 citizens of this Commonwealth to learn more about problem
20 gambling and the programs available to help individuals and
21 their families who have been adversely affected by this issue.