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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of March 9 through 15, 2008, as "Problem  
2 Gambling Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is  
16 effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society

1 as a whole; and

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe the week of March 9 through  
11 15, 2008, as "Problem Gambling Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania;  
12 and be it further

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

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