
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 624 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY HARKINS, DIGIROLAMO, CONKLIN, ROSS, RAMALEY,
BAKER, MCILHATTAN, GINGRICH, SONNEY, MILLARD, SWANGER,
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MILNE, MURT, MOYER, HESS, LONGIETTI, BEYER, SCAVELLO AND
MYERS, MARCH 10, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 10, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of March 9 through 16, 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 House of Representatives observe the week
11 of March 9 through 16, 2008, as "Problem Gambling Awareness
12 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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

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