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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of March, 2019 as
'Problem Gambling Awareness Month' in New Jersey

May 16, 2019

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting not just the problem gambler, but also their families, and the communities in which they live and work, at a significant financial, societal, and emotional cost to all concerned; and,

WHEREAS, March 2019 is 'Awareness + Action,' an effort by the National Council on Problem Gambling and its State affiliate councils including the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey (CCGNJ), to increase public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment & recovery services; and,

WHEREAS, the 2019 campaign theme for National Problem Gambling Awareness Month 'Awareness + Action,' to also encourage healthcare providers to screen clients for problem gambling; and,

WHEREAS problem gambling leads to financial, emotional, social, occupational and physical harms, yet many cases go undetected due to limited assessment, and so 2019 Problem Gambling Month included Gambling Disorder Screening Day to support healthcare providers in the identification of a gambling disorder; and,

WHEREAS, online gambling increases risk for adolescent problem gamblers, who are also significantly more likely than others to skip school, as well as engage in substance use and abuse and other risky behaviors; and,

WHEREAS, those struggling with problem gambling don't have to be alone, support is available, and they can benefit from programs, such as those provided by CCGNJ, that help treat and prevent gambling addiction, including 1-800-Gambler for calls and texts; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy has signed a proclamation making March 2019 'Problem Gambling Awareness Month' in New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes March 2019 as 'Problem Gambling Awareness Month' in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, the New Jersey Legislature, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

Handwritten signature of Neil Van Ess
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

16 May 2019
Date