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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of March, 2017 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey

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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 New Jersey residents; and,

WHEREAS, problem gambling can affect anyone if they are not aware of the risks and do not gamble responsibly, and when gambling behavior interferes with finances, relationships and the workplace, a serious problem already exists; and,

WHEREAS, adolescent problem gamblers are significantly more likely than others to have skipped school, as well as have engaged in substance use and abuse and other risky behaviors; and,

WHEREAS, March 2017 is "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month," 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 raise awareness to those suffering from a gambling addiction; and,


WHEREAS, the 2017 campaign theme for National Problem Gambling Awareness Month is "Have the Conversation," with a goal of increasing public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment & recovery services; 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; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Christie has signed a proclamation making March 2017 "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 2017 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

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


Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman


Date