New Jersey Casino Control Commission Resolution No. 18-03-07-14



RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH AS PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, problem or disordered gambling can destroy lives, devastate families and have serious economic and social costs for businesses and communities as well; and

WHEREAS, problem or disordered gambling is a hidden disease and does not have any of the outward manifestations as are seen with many other addictions and a result, is often overlooked and goes unnoticed by most people; and

WHEREAS, problem or disordered gambling is a public health threat that affects millions of Americans and does not discriminate based on age, race, gender, religious or ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a treatable disease and proper management is invaluable in minimizing the harm to individuals, their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, promoting an awareness month and encouraging people to "Have the Conversation" can provide an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the treatment and support services available for problem gamblers and the social and financial effectiveness of those services; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, through the Division of Gaming Enforcement operates a Self-Exclusion program and, through fees imposed on

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casinos, the state provides financial support for the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey and its 24-hour-a-day 1-800-GAMBLER hotline; and

WHEREAS efforts by the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Gamblers Anonymous, and other counselling and treatment programs all have significant positive impacts on gamblers, their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy has designated March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Casino Control Commission supports Problem Gambling Awareness Month and hereby expresses its gratitude for the ongoing efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to offer prevention, treatment and hope to those impacted by problem gambling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be placed in the record as a commemoration of our support and appreciation.

James T. Plousis, Chairman

Sharon A. Harrington, Vice Chair

Alisa B. Cooper, Commissioner