

# New Jersey Casino Control Commission Resolution



No. 15-03-11-16

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

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a significant public health issue affecting New Jersey residents of all ages, racial and ethnic backgrounds and which has a significant societal and economic cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of problem gambling goes far beyond the individual gambler but extends to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, employers and others; and

**WHEREAS**, gambling is an invisible addiction with no outward signs such as slurred speech or track marks and cannot be detected with tests on blood, urine or hair samples; and

**WHEREAS**, March is "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and the theme for the month is "Problem Gambling: Have the Conversation"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey wants to encourage diverse groups of people to "have the conversation" about problem gambling, including gamblers, family members, mental health counselors, legislators and others in order to increase awareness and understanding of problem gambling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has worked together with the Council on Compulsive Gambling for years to promote awareness of problem gambling and



of its 1-800-GAMBLER hotline, and the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement offers a Self-Exclusion Program that allows people with a gambling problem to exclude themselves from Atlantic City casinos and their related internet gaming sites; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Chris Christie designated March 2015 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Casino Control Commission recognizes March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month and supports and applauds the efforts of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to generate greater public awareness to this significant public health issue.

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

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Matthew B. Levinson, Chairman and CEO

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Alisa B. Cooper, Vice Chair

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Sharon A. Harrington, Commissioner