



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH
March 2023**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act established a special fund to be known as the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund which required that all money in the fund should be expended to programs for the prevention and treatment of gambling addiction; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting Pennsylvanians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and one which has a significant societal and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness of problem gambling is an opportunity to educate the public and policy makers about the social and financial issues related to problem gambling.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2023 to be PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all residents to learn more about the signs of problem gambling and to help spread the message about the availability of treatment.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of February two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

A blue ink signature of Josh Shapiro.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor