

WHEREAS; problem gambling is a public health issue that affects millions of Americans, including many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS; treatment can be effective in minimizing the harm of problem gambling, and dedicated individuals, professionals, and organizations across the state and country work to educate the public about problem gambling and provide knowledge on the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS; treatment for problem gambling may include therapy, medication, or self-help groups and may occur in conjunction with treatment for substance misuse, depression, anxiety, or other mental health issues; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling provides gambling disorder resources and education, and free and confidential help is available through their helpline 1-800-GAMBLE-5; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling in spreading awareness of problem gambling and encouraging all Wisconsinites to talk with friends, family, patients, and clients about recognizing and preventing a potential gambling disorder;

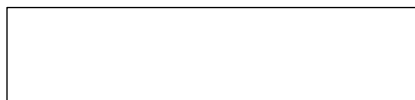
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of;

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do hereby proclaim March 2024, as

NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2nd day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State