

WHEREAS; problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans, including thousands of Wisconsinites, of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS; problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses, and communities, but treatment can be effective in minimizing harm; and

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

WHEREAS; if you or a loved one are struggling with problem gambling, the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling operates a free 24-hour helpline at 800-GAMBLE-5, or 800-426-2535; 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 and encouraging all Wisconsinites to talk with friends, family, patients, and clients about recognizing and preventing potential gambling disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2021 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State