Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Problem Gambling Awareness Month is a grassroots effort to bring attention to problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

Whereas, problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt, or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits; and

Whereas, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting West Virginians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds that have a significant societal and economic cost, and the prevalence of problem gambling addiction is 1 in 50 West Virginians; and

Whereas, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing harm to Individuals, their families, and society as a whole; and

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

Whereas, the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia advocate for people and families affected by problem gambling, and work to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling and raise awareness about the help that is available.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as:

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

[Signature]
Jim Justice
Governor

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Mac Warner
Secretary of State