

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery is working in collaboration with the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling to promote March as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, promoting awareness provides individuals in the gambling problem community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial services available to address problem gambling; and,

WHEREAS, the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating gambling problems, including outpatient treatment programs throughout the state, a toll-free Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER, and a website to provide resources for problem gambling at www.WeKnowTheFeeling.org; and,

WHEREAS, gambling problems are a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities and have a significant societal and economic cost; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, in collaboration with the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling, invites all residents of Illinois to participate in National Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 as **National Problem Gambling Awareness Month** in Illinois and encourage all Illinoisans to support those in treatment and recovery for problem gambling behavior.*

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

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-TWO day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FOURTH.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR