
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, CAPPELLETTI, FONTANA, GORDNER, KANE,
MENSCH, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK AND J. WARD, MARCH 21, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2022 as "Problem Gambling
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the month of
3 March 2022 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month."

4 WHEREAS, Individuals across the country and in this
5 Commonwealth enjoy the entertainment and recreational aspects of
6 legalized gambling; and

7 WHEREAS, For some individuals and families, gambling becomes
8 an issue affecting and disrupting the lives of these individuals
9 and their families; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)
11 reports that 2% to 3% of the United States population, or
12 between 6 million and 9 million Americans, will have a gambling
13 problem in any given year; and

14 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting
15 individuals of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in all
16 communities and has a significant societal and economic cost;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is

1 effective in minimizing the harm to individuals, families and
2 society as a whole; and

3 WHEREAS, Only a limited number of individuals affected by
4 problem gambling seek treatment options and utilize existing
5 problem gambling programs; and

6 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals and
7 organizations have dedicated their efforts to public awareness
8 of problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of
9 treatment to address this health issue; and

10 WHEREAS, The NCPG is coordinating the annual "National
11 Problem Gambling Awareness Month" campaign during March 2022 to
12 educate the public about the impact of problem gambling and the
13 availability of treatment options for this health issue;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2022
16 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
17 recognize the month of March 2022 as "National Problem Gambling
18 Awareness Month"; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Pennsylvania Gaming
20 Control Board to continue its outreach efforts and to work with
21 the Pennsylvania gaming industry to develop and implement
22 problem gambling programs and further promote community-based
23 programs in this Commonwealth; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Department of Drug and
25 Alcohol Programs in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Gaming
26 Control Board and individuals, professionals and organizations
27 dedicated to public awareness and treatment of problem gambling
28 to jointly create, develop and promote public awareness
29 campaigns regarding the recognition and prevention of problem
30 gambling; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize that problem gambling is
2 a public health issue impacting residents in this Commonwealth
3 in a harmful way that needs to be addressed in a reasonable and
4 responsible manner; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all the residents of this
6 Commonwealth to learn more about problem gambling and the
7 programs available to help individuals and their families who
8 have been adversely affected by this issue.