

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, In the pursuit of maximizing the benefits of casino gaming in Massachusetts, the Commonwealth must tirelessly seek to minimize any potential harm, including problem gambling; and

Whereas, Research reveals that problem gambling affects over 110,000 Massachusetts residents and another 440,000 residents are at-risk of developing a problem; and

Whereas, Problem gambling disproportionately impacts certain groups, but any Massachusetts resident, regardless of age, race, or ethnic background, can be affected; and

Whereas, Massachusetts made an unprecedented commitment to support research on gambling behaviors and problem gambling to inform effective prevention and treatment programs; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of a multi-pronged strategy to combat problem gambling, using community-based prevention along with responsible gaming approaches that combine casino-based with public outreach and education strategies; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth further recognizes the important role numerous individuals, professionals, organizations and stakeholders across Massachusetts play in educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and success of treatment,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 1st to March 31st, 2020, to be,

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twelfth day of February, in the year two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts