

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** problem gambling is a public health issue affecting West Virginians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds that has a significant societal and economic cost; and
- Whereas,** 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 Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia work to educate the public and health care 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 2021* 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 Fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State