



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Connecticut, I am pleased to join the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Connecticut Lottery Corporation, Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling, and Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun Casinos in promoting the month of March as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, promoting the awareness month provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial efficacy of services available for problem gambling; and

*W*HEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and which has a significant societal and economic cost; and

*W*HEREAS, treatment of problem gambling is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

*W*HEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

*W*HEREAS, all of Connecticut's residents are invited to participate in National Problem Gambling Awareness Month; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim March 2021 as

**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut.



*Ned Lamont*

GOVERNOR