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 in Illinois; and,

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

WHEREAS, the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating gambling problems, including outpatient treatment programs for gambling disorders throughout the state, a toll-free Hotline at 1-800-Gambler, and a website aimed at providing 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 has 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, invite all residents of Illinois to participate in National Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

THEREFORE, I, J.B. Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as National Gambling Problem 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 FIRST day of MARCH, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and THIRD.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR