

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohio for Responsible Gambling, the National Council on Problem Gambling and Ohio's community-based behavioral health system of care have designated March 2015 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month and a time to "Have the Conversation"; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio for Responsible Gambling organization is comprised of the Casino Control, Lottery and Racing Commissions and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services working together to ensure a consistent message across the state for responsible gambling and gambling addiction resources; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health county boards, behavioral health service agencies and professionals have dedicated their efforts to building awareness and educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS, Ohio for Responsible Gambling, the National Council on Problem Gambling and Ohio's community-based behavioral health system of care invite all residents of Ohio to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the state of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 2015 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to support Ohio for Responsible Gambling, the National Council on Problem Gambling and Ohio's community-based behavioral health system of care in their efforts to "Have the Conversation" with friends, family, patients and clients about responsible gambling and gambling addiction.

On this 1st day of March 2015;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

