

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

March 2017

*WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act established a special fund to be known as the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund, and required that all money in the fund should be expended for programs for the prevention and treatment of gambling addiction; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 15 million Americans are either affected or at risk of being affected by gambling addiction; and*

*WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue impacting Pennsylvanians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and one which has a significant societal and economic cost; and*

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

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

*WHEREAS, promoting awareness of problem gambling is an opportunity to educate the public and policy makers about the social and financial issues related to problem gambling.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim March 2017 as PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about the signs of problem gambling and to help spread the message about the availability of treatment.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, in the City of Harrisburg, on this sixteenth day of February two thousand and seventeen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor