Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH
March 2015

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, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting 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 the education of 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 2015 as PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all residents 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 seventeenth day of February in the Year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

Tom Wolf

TOM WOLF
Governor