



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH  
March 2018**

*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*

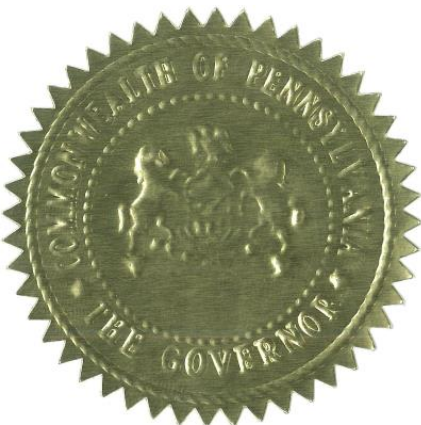
*WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting Pennsylvanians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and one which has a significant societal and economic cost; and*

*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 2018 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 twenty-sixth day of February two thousand and eighteen, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor