

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in all communities that has a significant societal and economic cost; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2008 Louisiana Study of Problem Gambling estimated there were almost 100,000 people in Louisiana who could have gambling problems that need to be assessed or treated; and

WHEREAS, the state offers myriad of services aimed at treating problem gambling, including outpatient treatment centers statewide for compulsive gambling, a toll-free helpline that handles approximately 165 calls per month from people seeking help with gambling problems, and a Web site aimed at the prevention of problem gambling in youth at www.thegamble.org; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana was one of the first states to have a publicly funded residential treatment facility, CORE: Center for Recovery in Shreveport, for compulsive gamblers; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations work together with the Department of Health and Hospitals to curb problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to public education on problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 1 – 7, 2009 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of March
A. D., 2009

Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana

Corey Williams
Secretary of State