



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; 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 the harm caused to both individuals and society; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Education Lottery Problem Gambling Helpline (1-877-718-5543) provides confidential support and resources through the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services in the Department of Health and Human Services to help treat this addiction; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins our nation in recognizing Problem Gambling Awareness Month in an effort to address this growing epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as "**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.