

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, research indicates that approximately 6 million American adults and an additional 1 million youth are addicted to gambling; and

WHEREAS, thousands of adults and adolescents in Washington State have experienced severe gambling problems in their lives; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and treatment have been proven to limit the rate of problem gambling and suicidal ideation in Washington and other states; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is a nonprofit organization working to increase public awareness of problem gambling, train treatment providers and gambling industry personnel to address it, enhance the availability of treatment services for problem gamblers, and conduct youth-based prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the gambling industry and the mental health, primary care, treatment, and recovery communities join together to increase public awareness of problem gambling and its high co-occurrence with anxiety and substance use disorders, and to take measures to address this addiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 26th day of February, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee

