WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting Iowans of all ages, races, and backgrounds in many communities, and which has significant societal and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, 315,000 adult Iowans experienced at least one problem related to their gambling in the past year, and problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is preventable and treatment is effective in reducing harm to individuals, families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations across Iowa have dedicated their efforts to educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Iowa Department of Public Health Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Program and of the National Council on Problem Gambling to promote awareness of problem gambling and of education, prevention, treatment, and recovery support resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2020 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

in Iowa.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE