

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Problem Gambling Awareness Month is a grassroots effort to bring attention to problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

WHEREAS: Problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits; and

WHEREAS: Problem gambling affects West Virginians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds— affecting 1 in every 50 West Virginians; and

WHEREAS: Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing harm to individuals, their families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS: The National Council on Problem Gambling advocates for people and families affected by problem gambling; and

WHEREAS: The Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia works to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling and raise awareness about the help that is available.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby designate March 2022 as

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

and encourages all citizens to learn about the available resources and better understand the signs of problem gambling.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of March 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin".

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor