

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Kansas I am pleased to join The Kansas Coalition on Problem Gambling in promoting March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting tens of thousands of Kansans 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 this harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, through the Problem Gambling and Addictions Grant Fund (PGOAF), provides community-level education to raise awareness about responsible and problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, the PGOAF supports intervention and recovery strategies, funds a problem gambling crisis helpline, and funds no out-of-pocket cost treatment for individuals with a gambling disorder and their families; and

WHEREAS, the state-of-the-art Kansas Voluntary Exclusion program provides problem gamblers a path to acknowledging their problem and taking personal responsibility by agreeing to stop entering Kansas casinos; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, March 2023, as

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

*Scott Schuch*  
Secretary of State

*Jennifer Cook*  
Assistant Secretary of State