ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

MARCH 2023
as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, legalized gambling is available in a variety of forms across Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, for some individuals, gambling becomes an issue with significant societal and economic costs for them, their families, and their communities; and,

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting individuals of all ages and backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Michigan Problem Gambling Help-Line received 4,306 calls for problem gambling help and of those individuals 773 engaged in treatment or support groups; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022, 508 individuals were enrolled in publicly funded gambling disorder treatment programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling and the National Council on Problem Gambling have designated March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month, which seeks to increase public awareness of problem gambling as well as the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and,

WHEREAS, we join the Michigan Department of Health and Substance Use Disorder, Gambling and Epidemiology, Adult Home and Community-Based Services Division to encourage Michigan residents to promote the Michigan Problem Gambling Help-Line and prevention efforts, as such treatment is effective in minimizing harm to both individuals and society; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to raise public awareness of the warning signs of problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and,

WHEREAS, educating citizens about problem gambling is important not only to recognize, but to prevent addiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor