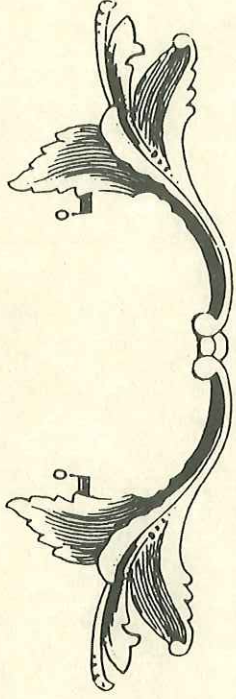


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Oklahoma Association on Problem Gambling and Gaming have designated March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

**Whereas**, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds. 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 thousands of Oklahomans have successfully sought treatment and are in recovery, and, along with their families, have benefited from the expertise of professionals in the treatment field who are dedicated to helping people recover from problem gambling; 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; and the Oklahoma Association on Problem Gambling and Gaming, an Oklahoma nonprofit, has provided problem gambling education, awareness, and prevention programs since 2005; and

**Whereas**, the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Oklahoma Association on Problem Gambling and Gaming invite all residents of Oklahoma to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as

### “Problem Gambling Awareness Month”

in the State of Oklahoma.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this FIRST day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one-hundred and Fiftenth year.*

*Kevin Stitt*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR