**Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation Sample Language**

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling [and any additional state/local sponsors] has designated March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds;

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities;

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling, [list additional participating organizations] invite all residents of [city/state] to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

**THEREFORE**, I, [name and title of official], do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in [city/state] and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling [and any additional state/local sponsors] in their efforts to mitigate gambling-related harm nationwide.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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