



# State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper  
Governor

## PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

2017

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2017 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; 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 the harm caused to both individuals and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Education Lottery Problem Gambling Helpline (1-877-718-5543) provides confidential support and resources to help treat this addiction through the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins our nation in recognizing Problem Gambling Awareness Month in an effort to address this growing epidemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2017, as “**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.