

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

2020

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

### **A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2020 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 can have a significant societal and economic cost on 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins our nation in recognizing Problem Gambling Awareness Month to raise awareness of problem gambling and the free resources available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2020, as "PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.