*The text below is sample language for a proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness Month 2021. Be sure to place text on official letterhead and replace highlighted sections with appropriate location(s) and organization(s). Thank you for your support in raising awareness of the problem gambling in the State of New York!*

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**Problem Gambling Awareness Month 2021**

**Sample Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling, the New York Council on Problem Gambling and the […] Problem Gambling Resource Center have designated March 2021 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting thousands of New Yorkers 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 New York Council on Problem Gambling, and the […] Problem Gambling Resource Center invite all residents of [region/city/state] to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

THEREFORE, I, (name and title of official), do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as

**Problem Gambling Awareness Month** **in [city/state]**

and encourage all citizens to support the New York Council on Problem Gambling, and the […] Problem Gambling Resource Center in their efforts to raise awareness and stimulate action for the issue of problem gambling with friends, family, patients and clients.

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