*The text below is sample language for a proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness Month 2023. 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 2023**

**Sample Proclamation**

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a preventable public health issue that affects over 600,000 New York residents of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, and causes significant societal and economic costs for families, businesses and communities;

WHEREAS, expanding availability and accessibility of gambling activities in New York State increase our collective risk for problem gambling;

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

WHEREAS, promoting public awareness provides New Yorkers an opportunity to educate the public and policy makers about the warning signs and available support for individuals and families struggling with problems related to gambling activity;

WHEREAS, the New York Council on Problem Gambling, and the New York State Problem Gambling Resource Centers invite all residents of [region/city/state] to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling, the New York Council on Problem Gambling and the New York State Problem Gambling Resource Centers have designated March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

THEREFORE, I, (name and title of official), do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as

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

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

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