

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A RESOLUTION

To recognize March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health concern affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities causing a significant societal and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and

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

WHEREAS, the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating problem gambling, including educational prevention programs, residential treatment, outpatient counseling, and aftercare programs throughout the state, a toll-free Louisiana Problem Gamblers Help line at 1-877-770-STOP that answers calls from people seeking help with gambling problems, and the www.helpforgambling.org website aimed at the prevention of problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana was one of the first states to have numerous state-funded programs such as the residential treatment facility, Center of Recovery (CORE) in Shreveport, for problem gamblers; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations, such as the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling, Louisiana Lottery, Louisiana Casino Association, Louisiana Gaming Industry, Office of the Attorney General, State Police Gaming Division, and Gaming Control Board all work together with the Louisiana Department of Health to address problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to educating the public about problem gambling, prevention of problem gambling, and with the availability and effectiveness of treatment services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE