

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohio for Responsible Gambling and the National Council on Problem Gambling have designated March 2014 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting thousands of Ohioans and 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 treatment is effective in minimizing the harmful consequences of gambling addiction to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to public education about responsible gambling and to effective prevention of problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, Ohio for Responsible Gambling will host a statewide conference in Columbus on March 4-5, 2014 to provide evidence-based practices in prevention and treatment of problem gambling for Ohio professionals; and

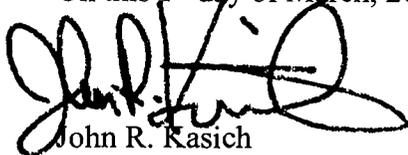
WHEREAS, Ohio for Responsible Gambling members Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Casino Control Commission, Ohio Lottery Commission and Ohio Racing Commission and the National Council on Problem Gambling, invite all Ohio citizens to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the state of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 2014 as

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AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to support the Ohio for Responsible Gambling partners and the National Council on Problem Gambling in their efforts to "Navigate Problem Gambling" through their programs to prevent, treat and recover from gambling addiction.

On this 1st day of March, 2014;


John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

