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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY, 2020, TO BE "PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Edwards, Costantino, and
McNamara

Date Introduced: February 04, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Although the majority of Americans gamble responsibly and without
2 problems, approximately ten million people across the country suffer from some type of gambling
3 issue in a given year; and

4 WHEREAS, Promoting a "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" provides individuals in
5 the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about
6 the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and

7 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans
8 of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and has a significant societal and
9 economic cost; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals and organizations in the State,
13 including the Rhode Island Council on Problem Gambling (RICPG), have dedicated their efforts
14 to educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of
15 treatment; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims February, 2020, to be "Problem Gambling Awareness
18 Month." We moreover urge all Rhode Islanders struggling with gambling issues to seek out and
19 utilize the resources and programs available to them and to know that they are not alone and

1 "Where there is help, there is hope"; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nancy A. Murray, CAGS, LCDP, ICOGS,

4 Program Manager, Problem Gambling Services, RI Lottery.

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