

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is a public health concern impacting Oregonians of all ages and backgrounds in all communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Gambling impacts are recognized at the individual, family and friends, community, and society levels. Gambling problems drive up health care costs and contribute to societal problems such as houselessness, bankruptcy, loss of productivity in the workforce, and crime; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is dedicated to reducing the negative effects of gambling for all Oregonians through balanced policies and an effective problem gambling services system providing targeted prevention, education and awareness programs, counseling, and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS:** Thousands of Oregonians have successfully sought free counseling and treatment, are in recovery, along with their families and concerned others, and have benefited from the expertise of professionals in the behavioral health field; and
- WHEREAS:** The World Lottery Association has recognized Oregon as a worldwide leader in responsible gaming.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 2024** to be

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 29, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State