

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public safety issue whose actions impact family, friends, and businesses with significant societal and economic costs, affecting more than one million Floridians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities; and

WHEREAS, with each problem gambler directly affecting 8-10 individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships of the immediate family to include physical violence and emotional abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health, and criminal justice professionals, and others, about the adverse effects of gambling, its social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts, as well as available treatment; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help, which minimizes the harm to Floridians and to the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to assisting families in need can participate in preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24-hour HelpLine, 888-ADMIT-IT, and by making assessments and treatment readily available.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim March 6-12, 2011 as

"PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's 23rd year in providing diverse services and support for problem gamblers and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of January, 2011.



Mayor

