



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Alabama, I am pleased to join the Alabama Council on Compulsive Gambling in promoting March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Alabama; and

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

WHEREAS, problem gambling is an addiction as well as a public health issue affecting thousands of Alabamians of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, in all communities and which has a significant societal and economic cost; and

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

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, clergy and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Council on Compulsive Gambling, the National Council on Problem Gambling in Washington D.C., and Alabama Certified Gambling Counselors encourages all citizens of Alabama to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2018, as

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to help spread the message that there is help for problem gamblers through treatment, and to support those who are in treatment and recovery and their families.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 28th day of February 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor