



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout New York State, there has been an increase in various gambling activities and opportunities, and more venues that make gambling accessible; it is vitally important to safeguard people of all ages from the dangerous and addictive effects of problem gambling, and educate them about resources of help for Gambling Disorder and available screening services; and

Whereas, a growing public health concern, Gambling Disorder has no outward physical signs and is therefore an often undetected and untreated addiction that can result in serious financial, emotional, social, occupational, and physical harm, with devastating consequences for individuals as well as their families, friends, and others impacted; and

Whereas, a law enacted last year in New York State requires all advertisements for gambling and sports betting to include a problem gambling hotline number that provides connections to resources for help; and

Whereas, New York's Responsible Play Partnership (RPP) was formed among the New York State Gaming Commission, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), and the New York Council on Problem Gambling to coordinate prevention, treatment, and recovery resources and build awareness of problem gambling and its impact; the RPP has added new collaborative measures to prevent problem gambling such as providing prompt counseling to individuals who find themselves in crisis when they voluntarily self-exclude, ensuring gaming industry workers are properly trained to identify and interact with those who might be at risk of developing a gambling problem, and collecting specific data from mobile sports wagering operators to better research its impact on New Yorkers; and

Whereas, NYS OASAS has made significant strides in addressing the harms of gambling by integrating efforts in the continuum of care services through prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services; the agency is focused on data driven initiatives that ensure targeted outreach approaches, culturally appropriate education and awareness messages, and the availability of vital programming and services in communities across the state; and

Whereas, New York State also has a growing workforce of clinicians and counselors specifically trained to treat Gambling Disorder and provide needed support to the loved ones of individuals impacted by problem gambling, as well as an available network of peers who have lived experience from gambling harms; and

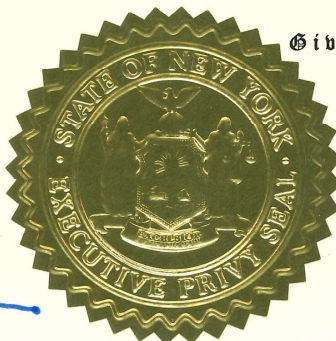
Whereas, New Yorkers seeking assistance for gambling problems have several options to find help—including inpatient, outpatient, residential treatment, and recovery supports—and can access confidential help by calling the state's toll-free 24/7 HOPEline, texting HOPENY, or visiting online resources offering information about services for help and support; and

Whereas, March 11th is Gambling Disorder Screening Day, which supports and encourages providers to offer screening services for Gambling Disorder in a variety of settings; New York State has informational resources regarding Gambling Screening and Assessment Tools available for individuals and families, and joins in support of this day to bring attention to Gambling Disorder as a public health issue, recognizing the importance of screening services as the first step in helping oneself and others;

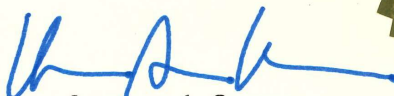
Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State and encourage New Yorkers to continue to gamble responsibly and be aware of the risks of gambling harms and resources of support that are available.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this third day of March in the year two thousand twenty-five.


Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh


Governor