

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting more than 80,000 Oregonians of all ages and all backgrounds in all communities: and it has significant personal, social, health and financial repercussions; and
- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is estimated to cost Oregonians more than \$500 million every year due to higher rates of bankruptcy, loss of relationships, criminal activity, loss of productivity in the work force, and other mental health and addiction issues; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is dedicated to reducing the negative effects of gambling for all Oregonians through balanced policies and effective systems of problem gambling services such as targeted prevention programs and treatment services; and
- WHEREAS:** Thousands of Oregonians have successfully sought treatment are in recovery, along with their families, and have benefited from the expertise of professionals in the treatment field who are dedicated to helping people recover from problem gambling.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 2018** 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 23, 2018.

*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Governor

*Dennis Richardson*

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

