

House Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 22, 2012

House Resolution No. 23—Relative to Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling has
2 designated the week of March 4, 2012, to March 10, 2012,
3 inclusive, as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week; and

4 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting
5 Californians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all
6 communities and has a significant societal and economic cost; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals, professionals, and organizations within
8 California have come together to educate the public about the
9 negative impacts of problem gambling behavior and to raise
10 awareness of treatment services available locally and nationally;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling
13 has trained and authorized 224 problem gambling treatment
14 providers capable of providing counseling services throughout the
15 state; and

16 WHEREAS, The Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling
17 has an Internet Web site available to the public in six languages.
18 The office also provides self-help workbooks available in 20
19 languages; and

20 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
21 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control
22 Commission, the California State Lottery, the National Asian
23 Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse

1 (NAPAFASA), Media Solutions, and the NICOS Chinese Health
2 Coalition have joined the Office of Problem and Pathological
3 Gambling within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
4 Programs and the California Council on Problem Gambling in a
5 concerted effort to promote problem gambling prevention and
6 treatment programs; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
8 week of March 4, 2012, to March 10, 2012, inclusive, be
9 recognized as Problem Gambling Awareness Week and the
10 agencies and organizations described above be commended for
11 their concerted effort to raise public awareness of problem
12 gambling; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
14 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.