

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 1, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 8, 2011

House Resolution No. 6—Relative to Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling has
2 designated the week of March 6 to March 12, 2011, inclusive, as
3 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 the availability
10 and effectiveness of treatment services; and

11 WHEREAS, Treatment for problem gamblers and those affected
12 by problem gambling behavior is effective and minimizes the harm
13 to individuals and to society as a whole; and

14 WHEREAS, Calls to the statewide toll-free helpline,
15 1-800-GAMBLER, have increased by ~~44~~ *approximately 78* percent
16 since the creation of the Office of Problem and Pathological
17 Gambling within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
18 Programs in 2003; and

19 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
20 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control
21 Commission, the California State Lottery, the California Gaming

1 Association, and the California Tribal Business Alliance have
2 joined the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling within
3 the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and the
4 California Council on Problem Gambling in a concerted effort to
5 promote problem gambling prevention and treatment programs;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
8 week of March 6 to March 12, 2011, inclusive, be recognized as
9 Problem Gambling Awareness Week and the agencies and
10 organizations described above be commended for their concerted
11 effort to raise public awareness of problem gambling; and be it
12 further

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