

House Resolution

No. 31

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 12, 2014

House Resolution No. 31—Relative to Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The first week of March 2014 is recognized
2 nationally as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week; and
3 WHEREAS, The most recently released DSM-V Manual
4 (Diagnostic Statistical Manual Version Five) classifies Problem
5 Gambling as an addiction and is in the same category (chapter) as
6 alcohol and substance abuse disorders. Previously, it had been
7 classified as an impulse control disorder along with kleptomania
8 and pyromania. Problem Gambling compromises, disrupts, and
9 ultimately destroys the gambler’s personal life, family
10 relationships, and vocational pursuits; and

11 WHEREAS, The Office of Problem Gambling has moved under
12 the State Department of Public Health, thus expanding resources
13 to increase awareness and create a sense that Problem Gambling
14 is not only an addiction, but also a public health issue in which
15 some problem gamblers and others are affected by problem
16 gambling behavior; and

17 WHEREAS, Since 2010, the Office of Problem Gambling has
18 provided treatment services to over 5,300 problem gamblers and
19 others affected by problem gambling behavior; and

20 WHEREAS, Health care providers, governmental agencies,
21 nonprofit organizations, community leaders and organizations,
22 mental health agencies, the recovery community, gambling industry
23 personnel, government leaders, law enforcement personnel, and

1 the general public are working together to change the outcome for
2 those affected by problem gambling; and
3 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
4 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control
5 Commission, the California State Lottery, California Friday Night
6 Live Partnership, California Gaming Association, Media Solutions,
7 NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, and National Pacific American
8 Families Against Substance Abuse, have joined the Office of
9 Problem Gambling and the California Council on Problem
10 Gambling to endorse a problem gambling awareness campaign;
11 now, therefore, be it
12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
13 Assembly recognizes the week of March 2, 2014, to March 8,
14 2014, inclusive, as Problem Gambling Awareness Week, and the
15 agencies and organizations described above be commended for
16 their concerted effort to raise public awareness of problem
17 gambling; and be it further
18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for distribution.