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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**House Resolution**

**No. 31**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hall**

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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

1 ultimately destroys the gambler’s personal life, family  
2 relationships, and vocational pursuits; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Health care providers, governmental agencies,  
13 nonprofit organizations, community leaders and organizations,  
14 mental health agencies, the recovery community, gambling industry  
15 personnel, government leaders, law enforcement personnel, and  
16 the general public are working together to change the outcome for  
17 those affected by problem gambling; and

18 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the  
19 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control  
20 Commission, the California State Lottery, California Friday Night  
21 Live Partnership, California Gaming Association, Media Solutions,  
22 NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, and National Pacific American  
23 Families Against Substance Abuse, have joined the Office of  
24 Problem Gambling and the California Council on Problem  
25 Gambling to endorse a problem gambling awareness campaign;  
26 now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the  
28 Assembly recognizes the week of March 2, 2014, to March 8,  
29 2014, inclusive, as Problem Gambling Awareness Week, and the  
30 agencies and organizations described above be commended for  
31 their concerted effort to raise public awareness of problem  
32 gambling; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
34 of this resolution to the author for distribution.