

House Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 19, 2013

House Resolution No. 8—Relative to Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling has
2 designated the week of March 3, 2013, to March 9, 2013, inclusive,
3 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week; and

4 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting
5 Californians to lose relationships, homes, jobs, and possessions.
6 Problem gambling is isolating and has a significant societal and
7 economic cost; and

8 WHEREAS, The Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling,
9 the Gambling Studies Program at the University of California, Los
10 Angeles, and trained authorized therapists throughout the state
11 have provided services to more than 3,100 clients affected by
12 problem gambling behavior; and

13 WHEREAS, The Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling
14 has now interpreted treatment services available in the Sacramento
15 area to help licensed therapists treat limited English speaking
16 California residents; and

17 WHEREAS, Individuals, professionals, and organizations within
18 California have come together to educate the public about the
19 negative impacts of problem gambling behavior and to raise
20 awareness of treatment services available locally and nationally;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
23 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control

1 Commission, the California State Lottery, the California Friday
2 Night Live Partnership, the California Gaming Association, the
3 California Tribal Business Alliance, Media Solutions, the NICOS
4 Chinese Health Coalition, and the National Asian Pacific American
5 Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA) have joined the
6 Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling within the State
7 Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and the California
8 Council on Problem Gambling in a collaborative effort to promote
9 problem gambling prevention and treatment programs; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
12 week of March 3, 2013, to March 9, 2013, inclusive, be recognized
13 as Problem Gambling Awareness Week and the agencies and
14 organizations described above be commended for their concerted
15 effort to raise public awareness of problem gambling; and be it
16 further

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