

Proclamation



“NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH “

WHEREAS, the City of North Port has recognized March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month to demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling and to support the initiative of Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling to bring awareness to the issues surrounding problem gambling in our community; and recognizes that this is a public health issue which impacts family, friends, and businesses with significant societal and economic costs, affecting more than one million Floridians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities; and

WHEREAS, each problem gambler directly affects 8-10 other individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships of the immediate family; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling’s public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health, professionals, criminal justice professionals, and others, about the adverse effects of gambling, its social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts, as well as available treatment; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help, which minimizes the harm to Floridians and to the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to assisting families in need can participate in preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24-hour Help Line, 888-ADMIT-IT, and my making assessments and treatment readily available; and

NOW THEREFORE, , The City of North Port proclaims the month of March 2017 as

“National Problem Gambling Awareness Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2017.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC
City Clerk

Linda M. Yates, Mayor

Vanessa Carusone, Vice-Mayor

Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner