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WASHINGTON STATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HONORED WITH LEGACY OF COMMITMENT AWARD

Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling thanks Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen for his advocacy for problem gambling treatment, awareness, and prevention

OLYMPIA, WA—During the 27th National Conference on Problem Gambling, held in July at SeaTac, Washington, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen made a very special appearance. During the Welcome Reception for more than 500 national and international attendees, the Lieutenant Governor was honored with the second annual Legacy of Commitment Award by the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling.

A well-known advocate and supporter of healthy communities and addictions awareness, the Lieutenant Governor has played an important and necessary role in the awareness and prevention of problem gambling—an addiction that has devastated many individuals and families across the country.



ECPG Board Member Delores Chiechi presents

Legacy of Commitment Award to

Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen

Upon receiving his award, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen stated, "I am incredibly honored to receive the *Legacy of Commitment Award*. In doing so, I would like to commend the collective work that is being done in communities across this state, in fact this nation, to address a problem that is so devastating to so many lives. Addictive gambling is a big problem to solve, and one that will take all of us to do it. It is well worth the effort."

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling thanks Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen for his partnership, collaboration, and incredible support. "Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen is a person, and a politician, with a keen passion to promote healthy communities," said Maureen Greeley, Executive Director of the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling and President of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

"For more than 20 years, he has put that passion into practice through outreach efforts. His work in problem gambling prevention outreach has helped advance new programs and services in Washington, such as the first problem gambling therapeutic justice program in the state. Brad Owen sees the big picture, and with his wife Linda, has devoted countless hours to reach thousands of students with messages about healthy choices, prevention of addictions, and how to reduce bullying and increase respect for differences. That is a true *Legacy of Commitment*."

About ECPG:

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling provides treatment, training, and awareness about problem and responsible gambling. ECPG provides statewide confidential support through its 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline (800.547.6133) and public awareness, education, prevention, and resource development services for individuals, families, employers, the gaming industry, and business and community groups.

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