

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling in conjunction with the National Council on Problem Gambling have designated March 2020 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is a nonprofit organization working to increase public awareness of problem gambling, train treatment providers and gambling industry personnel to address problem and responsible gambling, enhance the availability of treatment services for problem gamblers, and conduct youth-based prevention and culturally sensitive programs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Cheryl Selby, Mayor of the City of Olympia, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Olympia and encourage all citizens to support the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling in their efforts to increase awareness and encourage action among friends, family, patients, and clients about gambling addiction.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.



***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***