

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that approximately six million American adults and one million youth are addicted to gambling; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of adults and adolescents in Washington State have experienced severe gambling problems in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and treatment have been proven to limit the rate of problem gambling and suicidal ideation in Washington and other states; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the gambling industry and the mental health, primary care, treatment, and recovery communities join together to increase public awareness of problem gambling and its high co-occurrence with anxiety and substance use disorders, and to take measures to address this addiction;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

### ***Problem Gambling Awareness Month***

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee