



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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan Lukson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Richland, Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

“PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH”

in Richland, and I 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the official seal of the City of Richland, Washington this 28th day of February, 2020.




Mayor Ryan Lukson