

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a public health issue with research indicating it affects six million adults and one million youth in America of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds; 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;

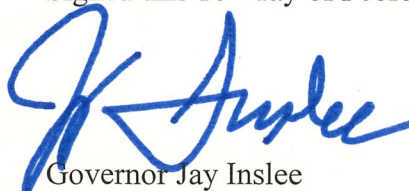
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

### *Problem Gambling Awareness Month*

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

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021



  
Governor Jay Inslee