

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health concern affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities causing a significant societal and economic cost; and,

WHEREAS, promoting awareness provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and,

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

WHEREAS, the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating problem gambling, including educational prevention programs, residential treatment, outpatient counseling and aftercare programs throughout the state, a toll-free Louisiana Problem Gamblers Helpline 1-877-770-STOP that answers calls from people seeking help with gambling problems, and a website aimed at the prevention of problem gambling; www.helpforgambling.org; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana was one of the first states to have numerous state funded programs such as the residential treatment facility, Center of Recovery-CORE in Shreveport for problem gamblers; and,

WHEREAS, numerous organizations, such as the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling, the Louisiana Lottery, the Louisiana Casino Association, the Louisiana Gaming Industry, the Office of the Attorney General, the State Police Gaming Division, and the Gaming Control Board all work together with the Louisiana Department of Health & all statewide Districts to address problem gambling; and,

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to public education about problem gambling, prevention of problem gambling, along with the availability and effectiveness of treatment services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 2023 AS

"PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH"

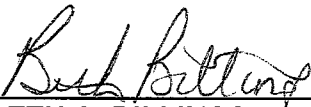
IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE THAT THERE IS HELP FOR PROBLEM GAMBLERS THROUGH TREATMENT AND TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY AND THEIR FAMILIES.



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PARISH PRESIDENT**



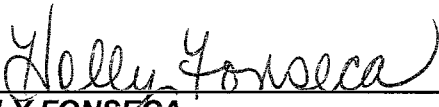
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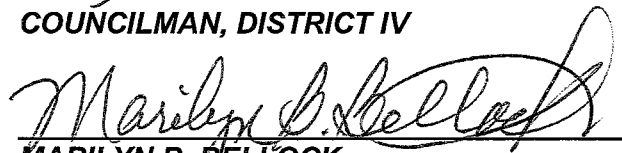
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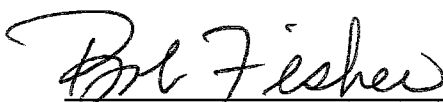
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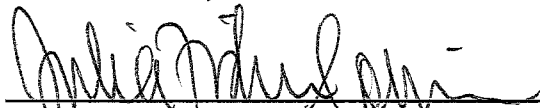
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