

**Problem Gambling Awareness Month
March 2023**

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2023 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of American and having a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses, and communities;

WHEREAS, 4 million adults in the U.S. are estimated to meet the criteria for severe gambling problems in a given year, and another 4-6 million would be considered to have mild or moderate gambling problems;

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

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

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Illinois Department of Human Services, Associates in Behavioral Health Care (ABC Counseling), and Elgin Township organizations that treat those with gambling disorders (such as Ecker Center for Behavioral Health) invite all residents to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month and encourage residents to learn more about or seek help for gambling disorders by visiting the IDHS "Are You Really Winning?" website.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Elgin Township to be affixed hereto.

Dated this 13th day in March, 2023.

Kenneth C. Bruderle
Elgin Township Supervisor

Karen Dowling
Elgin Township Clerk

