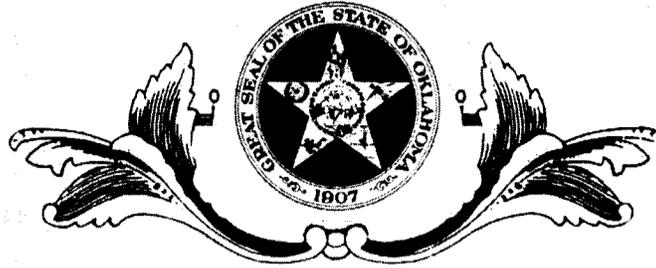


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, problem gambling, defined as an urge to continuously gamble despite severe negative consequences, is a serious public health issue affecting Oklahomans of all ages, socioeconomic levels, and ethnic backgrounds; and

Whereas, problem gambling can have significant negative societal and economic impact on individuals, families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas, treatment for problem gambling can be very effective in minimizing harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Association of Problem and Compulsive Gambling (OAPCG) is the Oklahoma affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and is contracted by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) as the advocate for problem gambling in our state; and

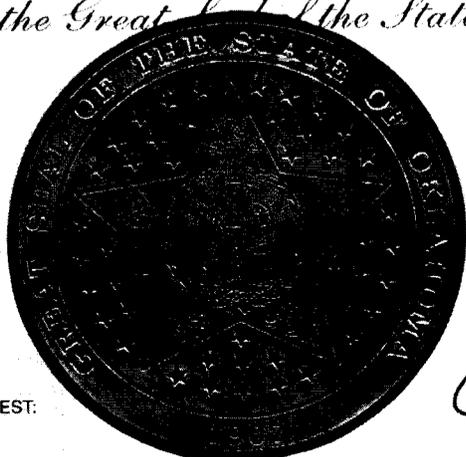
Whereas, the goal of the OAPCG, NCPG, and ODMHSAS is to educate the public about the warning signs of problem gambling and promote the effectiveness of services available in our state and nationwide;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

“Problem Gambling Awareness Month”

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 8th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

Ch. Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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