

## **PROCLAMATION**

## **Problem Gambling Awareness Month**

## March 2024

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Zion Integrated Behavioral Health Services has designated March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds;

WHEREAS, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities;

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

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;

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and Zion Integrated Behavioral Health Services invite all residents of Montgomery County, Iowa to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and Zion Integrated Behavioral Health Services in their efforts to mitigate gambling-related harm throughout Iowa and across the nation.

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