

CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Proclamation

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS, The City of Belle Isle has recognized March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month to demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling and the initiative of the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling in bringing awareness to the issues surrounding problem gambling in our community; and
- WHEREAS, problem gambling is a serious public health issue which impacts family, friends, and businesses with significant societal and economic costs, affecting more than one million Floridians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities; and
- WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 6 million people of every age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status suffer from problem gambling and need treatment; and
- WHEREAS, the issue of problem gambling is a community issue, as 8-10 people are affected for every one problem gambler and conservative estimated social costs are \$7 Billion annually; and
- WHEREAS, educating the public about how problem gambling affects everyone in the community, including youth, older adults, and families, is essential if we are to be proactive about this problem; and
- WHEREAS, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's 2018 Shine the Light on Problem Gambling-The Hidden Addiction awareness campaign provides an opportunity for the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health, criminal justice professionals, the gaming industry, and others, to make known the adverse effects of problem gambling, as well as available treatment; and
- WHEREAS, any individual, professional, or organization whom is dedicated to assisting those in need can participate in raising awareness and treating problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24- hour Help Line, 888-Admit-It.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Lydia Pisano, of The City of Belle Isle, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 as
Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Belle Isle to be affixed this 6th day of March, 2018

Attest:

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk

Mayor Lydia Pisano