



# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The City of Cooper City has designated March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month to demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling and to support the initiative of Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling to bring awareness to the issues surrounding problem gambling in our community; and recognizes that this is a 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,** Each problem gambler directly affects 8-10 other individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships of the immediate family; and
- WHEREAS,** The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling’s public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health providers, criminal justice professionals, and others, about the adverse effects of gambling, its social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts, as well as available treatment; 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,** Numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to assisting families in need can participate in preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24-hour HelpLine, 888-ADMIT-IT, and by making assessments and treatment readily available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ROSS,** Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of **March, 2022 as**

**“Problem Gambling Awareness Month”**

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Greg Ross, Mayor