



Proclamation

Town of Juno Beach of Palm Beach County, Florida

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Town of Juno Beach has recognized **March 2024** as **Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM)** 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 six (6) million people nationwide 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 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 2023 Problem Gambling Awareness Month campaign provides an opportunity for the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health providers, 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 dedicated to assisting those in need, can participate in raising awareness of problem gambling and available resources by promoting the statewide 24-hour confidential, multilinguals HelpLine, 888-ADMIT-IT; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Juno Beach, can participate in this nationally recognized awareness month through declaration of proclamation of the month of March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the Town of Juno Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Halpern, of the Town of Juno Beach, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2023** as **Problem Gambling Awareness Month** in the Town of Juno Beach.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2024.

TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA

Alexander Cooke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, MMC, Town Clerk