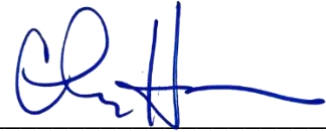


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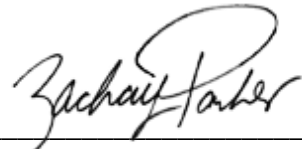
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21 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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25 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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29 To declare the month of March, 2024 as “Problem Gambling Awareness Month” in the District of  
30 Columbia and to recognize the importance of raising awareness of problem gambling as a  
31 critical public health issue impacting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic  
32 backgrounds.

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34 WHEREAS, March is designated as Problem Gambling Awareness Month by the  
35 National Council on Problem Gambling;

36 WHEREAS, problem gambling has significant societal and economic costs for  
37 individuals, families, businesses, and communities;

38           WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling estimates that between 12,000  
39 and 15,000 District residents are affected by gambling addiction, with limited resources available  
40 for those seeking help;

41           WHEREAS, in 2023, the National Problem Gambling Helpline (1-800 GAMBLER)  
42 received 6,572 calls, texts, and chats from the District;

43           WHEREAS, individuals with gambling problems face increased risks of suicide, drug or  
44 alcohol dependence, and bankruptcy; and

45           WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and effective treatment can significantly  
46 reduce harm to both individuals and society as a whole.

47           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
48 resolution may be cited as the “Problem Gambling Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of  
49 2024.”

50           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of addressing  
51 problem gambling as a public health issue and pledges to support efforts to prevent, intervene,  
52 and treat problem gambling within the District and declares March, 2024 as “Problem Gambling  
53 Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia.

54           Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
55 the District of Columbia Register.