

City of Slidell




Proclamation

- WHEREAS problem gambling is a public health concern affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities causing a significant societal and economic cost; and
- WHEREAS promoting awareness provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and
- WHEREAS problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS the state offers a myriad of services aimed at treating problem gambling, including: educational prevention programs, residential treatment, outpatient counseling and aftercare programs throughout the state, a toll-free Louisiana Problem Gamblers Helpline 1-877-770-STOP that answers calls from people seeking help with gambling problems, and a website aimed at the prevention of problem gambling; www.helpforgambling.org ; and
- WHEREAS Louisiana was one of the first states to have numerous state funded programs such as, the residential treatment facility, Center of Recovery-CORE in Shreveport, for problem gamblers; and
- WHEREAS numerous organizations, such as the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling, the Louisiana Lottery, the Louisiana Casino Association, the Louisiana Gaming Industry, the Office of the Attorney General, the State Police Gaming Division, and the Gaming Control Board all work together with the Louisiana Department of Health and all statewide Districts to address problem gambling; and
- WHEREAS numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling, prevention about problem gambling along with the availability and effectiveness of treatment services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Cromer, Mayor of Slidell, Louisiana,
And Bill Borchert, President of the Slidell City Council,
do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

and encourages all citizens to help spread the message that there is help for problem gamblers through treatment and to support those who are in treatment and recovery and their families.



Greg Cromer, Mayor

March 14, 2023

Date



Bill Borchert, Council President