



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Special recognition proclaiming March 2019 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**WHEREAS**, Lake County joins Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, the National Council on Problem Gambling, and the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling in promoting March 2019 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month,

**WHEREAS**, promoting National Problem Gambling Awareness Month provides 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 a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities and has a significant societal and economic cost; and

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County residents are encouraged to call Nicasa for help at 847-546-6450, and anywhere in Illinois residents can call the 24-hour hotline, 1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537); and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County, Illinois has led the way in funding various social service agencies to help prevent and mitigate the social costs of problem gambling.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that March 2019 be recognized as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Lake County Board encourages all residents to have a dialogue about problem gambling and advocating for responsible policy-making, research, prevention and treatment.

**DATED** in Waukegan, Illinois on March 12, 2019.