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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois joins Nicasa Behavioral  
3 Health Services, the National Council on Problem Gambling, and  
4 the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling in promoting March  
5 2019 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

6           WHEREAS, Promoting National Problem Gambling Awareness  
7 Month provides an opportunity to educate the public and  
8 policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of  
9 services available for problem gambling; and

10           WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue  
11 affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic  
12 backgrounds in all communities and has a significant societal  
13 and economic cost; and

14           WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is  
15 effective in minimizing harm to both individuals and society as  
16 a whole; and

17           WHEREAS, Residents of Illinois can call the 24-hour hotline  
18 at 1-800-426-2537; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 2019

1 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of Illinois;  
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we encourage all residents to have a  
4 dialogue about problem gambling and advocate for responsible  
5 policy making, research, prevention, and treatment.