

# PROCLAMATION



## OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING “PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH” FOR MARCH, 2016.

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March 2016 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Greenacres desires to demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling and to support the initiative of the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling to bring awareness to the issues surrounding problem gambling in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a 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**, each problem gambler directly affects 8-10 other individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling’s public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health providers, criminal justice professionals and others, about the adverse effects of gambling, its social, legal, financial and emotional impacts, as well as available treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help minimizing the harm to individuals and to society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to assisting families in need can participate in preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24-hour HelpLine 888-ADMIT-IT, and by making assessments and treatment readily available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor of the City of Greenacres**, hereby proclaim March 2016 as “Problem Gambling Awareness Month” and urge all citizens to help guide those affected by this destructive behavior to seek treatment.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the City of  
Greenacres, Florida this 22nd day of February,  
2016.

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Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor

Attest:

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Denise McGrew, City Clerk

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