

Senator Rocca offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 136.

A resolution commemorating March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Whereas, Legalized gambling is available in a variety of forms across Michigan; and

Whereas, For some individuals, gambling becomes an issue with significant societal and economic costs for them, their families, and their communities; and

Whereas, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting individuals of all ages and backgrounds; and

Whereas, The National Council on Problem Gambling coordinates the fourteenth annual National Problem Gambling Awareness Month during March, and seeks to increase public awareness of problem gambling as well as the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

Whereas, Problem gambling is treatable and such treatment is effective in minimizing harm to both individuals and society; and

Whereas, It is important to raise public awareness of the warning signs of problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

Whereas, Educating citizens about problem gambling is important to not only recognize, but to prevent as well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the state of Michigan to recognize the seriousness of problem gambling and encourage all of its citizens to play responsibly.