

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44**

(By Senators Wells, McCabe, Foster, Unger, Prezioso, Stollings,  
Browning and Klempa)

Designating the week of March 6-12, 2011, as National Problem  
Gambling Awareness Week in West Virginia.

Whereas, On behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, the  
Senate joins the West Virginia Council on Problem Gambling and the  
Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia in promoting March  
6-12, 2011, as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week in West  
Virginia; and

Whereas, Promoting the awareness week 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 a public health issue affecting  
millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in  
all communities and which has a significant societal and economic  
cost; and

Whereas, Problem gambling is treatable and treatment is  
effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society as  
a whole; and

Whereas, Numerous individuals, professionals and organizations  
have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about  
problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of

1 treatment; and

2       Whereas, The Senate, the West Virginia Council on Problem  
3 Gambling and the Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia  
4 invite all residents of West Virginia to participate in National  
5 Problem Gambling Awareness Week; therefore, be it

6       *Resolved by the Senate:*

7       That the Senate hereby designates the week of March 6-12,  
8 2011, as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week in West Virginia;  
9 and, be it

10       *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward  
11 a copy of this resolution to the West Virginia Council on Problem  
12 Gambling and the Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia.