

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public safety issue whose actions impact 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. Sports betting in particular is an important issue in Florida; and

WHEREAS, each problem gambler directly affects eight to ten individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships of the immediate family, including physical violence and emotional abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health and 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, which minimizes the harm to the families of our community. The theme for this year's Problem Gambling Awareness Week is "*Don't Throw It Away: Blow the Whistle on Problem Gambling*"; and

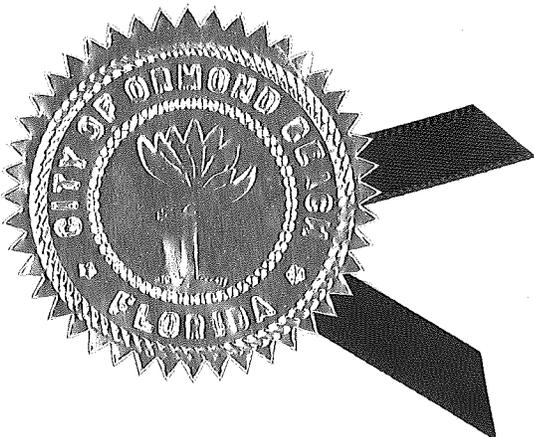
WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations are dedicated to assisting families in need and participate in preventing problem gambling by promoting a statewide 24-hour HelpLine, 888-ADMIT-IT, and by making assessments and treatment readily available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 6-12, 2011, as

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me to increase problem gambling awareness in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.




ED KELLEY
Mayor