

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA COUNCIL ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING**

WHEREAS, the City of Key Colony Beach has declared March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month to demonstrate its support in addressing problem gambling and the initiative of the The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling in bringing public awareness to the issues surrounding problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a serious public health issue affecting one to three percent of the general adult population and often results in personal, financial, familial, legal, and other costs, including a high risk of suicide; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 200,000 Florida adults of diverse age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status suffer from past-year gambling problems, and 700,000 more are at risk of developing such difficulties, constituting 4.7 % of the adult population ages 18 and older; and

WHEREAS, it is further important to note that these statistics do not account for youth, who are now actively engaged in diverse forms of gambling and are at an increased risk for developing gambling-related problems; and

WHEREAS, it is also essential to recognize problem gambling as a societal issue, with 8-10 additional people adversely impacted by every problem gambler, increasing the affected population by an estimated additional 1.5 million individuals, with conservative projected social costs amounting to more than \$9 billion nationally each year; 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 potential adverse effects of gambling, as well as social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts and available supports; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help, which minimizes the harm to Floridians and to the State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, any individual, professional, or other organization dedicated to assisting those in need can participate in raising awareness, and preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide, confidential, toll-free, and 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline 888-ADMIT-IT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key Colony Beach can participate in this nationally recognized awareness month through declaration of proclamation of the month of March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the City of Key Colony Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patti Trefry, Mayor of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the City of Key Colony Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Key Colony Beach City Commission, at its regular meeting of the Board held on February 24, 2022.

AYES: Trefry, Harding, McCullough, DeNeale, Sutton
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.



Patricia Trefry, Mayor



Silvia Gransee, City Clerk

(City Seal)

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Dirk Smits, City Attorney