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Assembly Resolution No. 938

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim  
March 2018, as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in  
New York State

WHEREAS, Individuals across the country and in this State enjoy the  
recreational aspects of legalized gambling; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse  
Services reports that nearly one million New Yorkers are currently  
struggling with compulsive gambling issues; and

WHEREAS, The proliferation of gambling opportunities to New Yorkers  
continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, Problem gambling should be considered a public health issue  
affecting individuals of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in all  
communities and having 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 public awareness of problem gambling and the  
effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS, The 2018 Theme of the National Council on Program Gambling's Awareness Month is "Have the Conversation," and aims to increase awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment and recovery services, as well as to encourage healthcare providers to screen for problem gambling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 2018, as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to urge the New York State Council on Problem Gambling to continue its outreach efforts and advocate that resources be available for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling in this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to urge all residents of this great Empire State to learn more about problem gambling and the programs available to help individuals and their families who have been adversely affected by this issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.