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Colorado Division of Gaming Promotes Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Lakewood - March 26, 2024 - The Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Gaming is proud to announce it is cosponsoring the first Problem Gambling Awareness Day at the State Capitol on March 27.

Media are invited to attend the event at the Colorado State Capitol, beginning at 8 a.m. in the First Floor Rotunda.

During March, the Division of Gaming promotes Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM) and aims to shed light on the prevalence of gambling addiction and its impact on people, families and communities while promoting safe betting practices. With the expansion of online gambling platforms and the normalization of gambling in popular culture, it is more crucial than ever to educate the public about responsible gambling practices and provide assistance to those in need.

"Problem Gambling Awareness Month is an important opportunity for us to come together as a community and address the challenges posed by gambling addiction," said Christopher Schroder, Director of Colorado's Division of Gaming. "Through education, outreach, and support, we can empower individuals to make informed decisions about their gambling behaviors and seek help when needed."

Responsible Gaming Grants

 At the February Colorado Limited Gaming Commission, the Commission awarded over \$1.9 million in grants for the 2024 responsible gaming grant cycle. To learn more about these responsible gaming grants please visit the Division of Gaming website for responsible gaming grants.

Colorado Self Exclusion List

 A person may voluntarily apply to be self-excluded from gaming in Colorado. Individual self-exclusion means that a person has made a conscious voluntary effort to exclude themselves from all forms of gaming under the regulatory purview of the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission and the Colorado Division of Gaming, including



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gambling at casinos and placing sports wagers at on-site and online sportsbooks. The exclusion period options are one year, three years or five years.

- While the vast majority of these sign-ups will be completed online, people wishing to enroll in the self-exclusion list can also join by visiting a Division of Gaming office or by printing the form, having it notarized and mailing it into a DOG office.
- To enroll in the Colorado Division of Gaming, <u>Self Exclusion Program</u> please visit <u>sbg.Colorado.gov/problem-gambling-resources</u>

Gambling problem? Call or TEXT 1-800-GAMBLER, for confidential assistance and support in managing gambling-related issues.

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