

RACING COMMISSION STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

March is National Problem Gambling Awareness Month and recently compulsive gambling been identified as an addiction by the American Psychiatric Association.

The New Jersey Racing Commission supports the need for education, treatment and prevention of Compulsive Gambling and continues to offer a self- exclusion list program. The Commission has also partnered with Gaming Enforcement to cross accept each's self-exclusion list applications.

The Horse Racing Industry fully supports gambling addiction awareness efforts through posting of educational materials at racetracks and in their racing programs and referencing 1-800-gambler contact on their web sites. In addition, the Industry has provided financial support for Gambling Addiction Programs having donated over \$2.8 million to the cause to date.

The Racing Commission will continue to work with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to provide assistance in combating this addiction including participation in a focus group of gaming regulators to identify priorities and programs, especially since gambling opportunities have recently been expanded to include on-line casino type gambling, Exchange Wagering and Fantasy Sports Wagering in this State.

The Chairman and members of the New Jersey Racing Commission recognize the need for education, prevention, and treatment of Compulsive Gambling Addiction and pledge to continue its support of programs dedicated to these efforts.