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**NCLGS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ON RESPONSIBLE GAMING AND THE INTERNET
AT FLORIDA MEETING IN JANUARY**

Troy, NY, November 12, 2013—Lawmakers at the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) Winter Meeting in January will consider a proposed *Resolution Supporting Internet Responsible Gaming Standards*. The resolution, which will be vetted at the NCLGS Committee on Responsible Gaming, is part of NCLGS ongoing effort to protect consumers and support sound gaming public policy in the states.

The resolution commends the efforts of the National Council of Problem Gaming (NCPG) and others in developing standards to create a comprehensive public health strategy regarding gaming addiction and Internet gaming, and urges cooperation among legislators, regulators, and problem gaming experts in order to develop strong responsible gaming programs in coordination with any efforts to enact Internet gaming legislation.

Given that Delaware, Nevada, and New Jersey are in the process of launching online gaming within their respective states, NCLGS is undertaking an initiative to develop an interstate policy framework for Internet gaming to protect consumers in states that wish to conduct Internet gambling and those that do not. According to NCLGS President Rep. Jim Waldman (FL), "Internet gambling is a new frontier for many states and the problem gaming aspects associated with Internet gambling are still being studied. As more states enact and consider enacting Internet gambling laws, it is important that problem gaming protections are front and center in those discussions."

NCLGS supports public awareness regarding problem gaming and mitigating the potential negative social consequences of gaming through education, research, prevention, and treatment programs. The NCLGS Committee on Responsible Gaming will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014, at the Westin Diplomat in Hollywood, Florida.

NCLGS is the only non-partisan organization of state lawmakers that meets on a regular basis to discuss issues in regard to gaming. NCLGS does not support or oppose gaming, but supports effective regulation and believes that decisions related to gaming should be made by the citizens of the individual states and their elected officials. More information is available at www.nclgs.org.

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