

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we believe gambling encourages a transfer of trust from God, and a God-honoring work ethic, to acquiring monetary gain from the losses of others, and;

WHEREAS, we know gambling can be an addictive behavior that leads to compulsive, and sometimes pathological, problem gambling, and;

WHEREAS, financial problems are a major contributor to marriage problems and divorce, and money lost in gambling activities is often not from disposable income but from monies the family relies upon for obligations, and;

WHEREAS, the expansion of gambling in Oklahoma would, without regard to whatever else it might bring, expand the potential for a loss of income that would put unnecessary pressure upon families, create more opportunity to entrap people in a compulsive life activity, and direct the energy of many lives to focus upon the mythical results of gambling instead of the trust in God for the future.

THEREFORE, the members of _____ *CHURCH* of _____ Oklahoma, do announce our resolve to oppose the expansion of gambling in Oklahoma, as evidenced by the appropriate signatures affixed below, and the signatures of members on the attached pages, this _____ day of _____ 2002.

