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The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc.

Hamilton, New Jersey –Fred W. Hogan, Board President of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc. (CCGNJ) is proud to announce the selection of Felicia Grondin, MPA as its new Executive Director. The board unanimously voted for Ms. Grondin's appointment following her dedicated service as Acting Executive Director since mid-July 2021.

Ms. Grondin, of Millstone Township in Monmouth County, has a wide and varied background in government, the legislature, higher education, private business and the administration of non-profit organizations. Ms. Grondin was also an active CCGNJ Board member for four years.

Ms. Grondin began her career working in human services with Atlantic County government and went on to oversee a nonprofit program providing mediation services, during which she secured funding to expand the program to Cape May County. She served as Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Fred Scerni and as Legislative Liaison of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission (NJCCC) for nearly a decade, under the direction of Chairman Stephen Perskie, followed by Bradford Smith. While at the NJCCC, she was instrumental in the streamlining of casino regulation in New Jersey. She served as lead researcher and writer of the 1998 report: Casino Gambling in New Jersey: A Report to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

Her positions in higher education included serving as Assistant Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences and as Associate Director of the Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism at Stockton University. She is a published author of gambling studies, in the U.S. and abroad, and conducted research associated with problem gambling. Ms. Grondin has owned

and operated private businesses, including an international consulting agency.

“I am elated to have been selected as the Council’s Executive Director due to my concern for the problem gambler and their families; efforts to provide help are needed now more than ever, due to the proliferation of gambling opportunities across the United States. “I look forward to continuing to help those dealing with a gambling disorder” said Grondin, originally from Clark, N.J. “I am grateful for the opportunity to do what I love.”

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