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***** JACKPOT ALERT*****

POWERBALL® JACKPOT INCREASED TO \$500 MILLION!

(AUSTIN) – Strong [Powerball®](#) ticket sales have propelled the estimated annuitized jackpot from \$450 million to \$500 million for tonight’s drawing. The jackpot’s estimated cash value is now \$306 million.

“This is the sixth largest jackpot of any U.S. lottery game on record and the fourth largest Powerball jackpot. Tonight’s jackpot started at \$40 million on Nov. 7, 2015, and is the result of 17 drawings with no jackpot winner,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery and chair of the Powerball game group.

Texas has had two Powerball jackpot winners since joining the multistate Powerball game in 2010. Last year, TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin claimed the \$127,046,150.05 cash value of their share of the [\\$564.1 million jackpot](#) from the drawing held Feb. 11, 2015. In 2013, Paul McDowell of Ravenna claimed the \$29,906,600.00 cash value prize from the [\\$40 million jackpot](#) from the May 29, 2013 drawing.

The jackpot is not the only way to win big. Texas has had 15 second-tier Powerball winners of \$1 million or \$2 million since January 2015.

Top 10 Powerball Jackpots				
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date	Game
1	FL	\$590.5 million	May 18, 2013	Powerball
2	AZ, MO	\$587.5 million	Nov. 28, 2012	Powerball
3	TX, NC, PR	\$564.1 million	Feb. 11, 2015	Powerball
4	???	\$500.0 million	Jan. 6, 2016	Powerball
5	MN, NJ, NJ	\$448.4 million	Aug. 7, 2013	Powerball
6	CA	\$425.3 million	Feb. 19, 2014	Powerball
7	SC	\$399.4 million	Sept. 18, 2013	Powerball
8	NE	\$365.0 million	Feb. 18, 2006	Powerball
9	CA, OR	\$340.0 million	Oct. 19, 2005	Powerball
10	NJ	\$338.3 million	March 23, 2013	Powerball

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Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots				
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date	Game
1	KS, IL, MD	\$656.0 million	March 30, 2012	Mega Millions
2	CA, GA	\$648.0 million	Dec. 17, 2013	Mega Millions
3	FL	\$590.5 million	May 18, 2013	Powerball
4	AZ, MO	\$587.5 million	Nov. 28, 2012	Powerball
5	TX, NC, PR	\$564.1 million	Feb. 11, 2015	Powerball
6	???	\$500.0 million	Jan. 6, 2016	Powerball
7	MN, NJ, NJ	\$448.4 million	Aug. 7, 2013	Powerball
8	CA	\$425.3 million	Feb. 19, 2014	Powerball
9	FL, MD	\$414.0 million	March 18, 2014	Mega Millions
10	SC	\$399.4 million	Sept. 18, 2013	Powerball

Powerball jackpots start at \$40 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the jackpot by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. Drawings are broadcast each Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$24 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$47 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$18 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$52 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five®, Texas Triple Chance™ and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

Editors/News Directors, note: A list of Top Texas Lottery Retailers by District is attached. An image of the Powerball logo is attached in JPEG format.

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