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TEXAS LOTTERY SHATTERS ALL-TIME SALES RECORD FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE WEEK

(AUSTIN) – On pace to shatter the all-time record of \$6.704 billion in total sales set during fiscal year 2020, the Texas Lottery exceeded its weekly sales record for the second consecutive week, attaining more than \$227 million in total sales. From Jan. 17 - 23, 2021, weekly sales totaled \$227,832,546, breaking the former record amount of \$215,331,576 that was [attained exactly one week earlier](#). Last week's historic sales figure marked an increase of \$102,385,709, or 81.6%, from the same period last fiscal year.

“Driven in part by dueling jackpots for the multi-state Mega Millions and Powerball games during the first half of the week, along with the one-billion-dollar jackpot for Mega Millions last Friday, overall draw game sales for the week generated more than \$97 million. Combined with the second-best week ever of scratch ticket sales of more than \$130 million, we enjoyed our second consecutive record-breaking week for overall Texas Lottery sales,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Most importantly, record sales lead to record revenue contributions to public education and veterans’ services in Texas.”

As of December 2020, the Texas Lottery Commission has transferred \$506,352,614 to the State of Texas since the fiscal year began Sept. 1, an increase of \$66,632,409, or 15.2%, over the same period a year earlier. The Texas Lottery made a record total contribution of \$1.684 billion for public education and veterans’ services in Texas during FY 2020 and has generated more than \$1 billion in revenue for the state of Texas in each of the last 17 consecutive fiscal years.

Through the first 21 weeks of the 2021 fiscal year, the Texas Lottery has already generated more than \$2.4 billion in scratch ticket sales and remains in position to break its previous annual scratch ticket sales record of \$5.556 billion that was achieved in FY 2020. Fueled by the largest simultaneous national jackpots since Oct. 2018, draw sales to-date for FY 2021 total more than \$692 million, a 51% increase over the same period last year.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$32 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$67 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$26.2 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

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Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$148 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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