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## **TEXAS LOTTERY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED MUSL PRESIDENT**

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(AUSTIN) – The Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL) has elected Gary Grief as president of the organization. Grief is the executive director of the Texas Lottery.

"I want to congratulate Gary Grief on being elected president of MUSL," said J. Winston Krause, chairman of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Gary's rich industry knowledge and successful track record in leading the Texas Lottery will serve him well in this important industry leadership role."

Formed in 1987, the Multi-State Lottery Association is a non-profit, government-benefit association owned and operated by its member lotteries. Each MUSL member lottery offers one or more of the games administered by MUSL, including Powerball. All profits are retained by the individual lotteries and are used to fund projects approved by the legislatures authorizing each lottery. Since the first Powerball drawing was held in 1992, it has become the number one lottery game in the United States.

Grief was appointed executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission in March 2010. Under Grief's leadership, the Texas Lottery has experienced record sales and revenue, contributing more than \$19 billion to the state's Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas.

Grief has been an integral part of the success of the Texas Lottery Commission since its inception. He was appointed in 1991, by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, to the original eight-member Lottery Task Force assigned to research and launch the Texas Lottery. In 2002, Grief was appointed by the Commission to serve the first of what would be three separate terms as acting executive director. Between and after these appointments, Grief served as deputy executive director until his official appointment as executive director in 2010.

Grief is the immediate past chair of the Powerball game, past Lead Director for the Mega Millions multi-state game consortium and past president of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL). In 2012, he was honored with the PGRI Major Peter J. O'Connell Lottery Industry Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2014 he was inducted to Public Gaming Research Institute's Lottery Industry Hall of Fame.

A native Texan, Grief is a graduate of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$25 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$49 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$19 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 \$60 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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

**Editors/News Directors, note:** An image of Gary Grief is attached in JPEG format.

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