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

TONIGHT'S MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT INCREASED TO \$521 MILLION

Fourth-largest Mega Millions® jackpot up for grabs

(AUSTIN) – For the first time in nearly two years, Texas Lottery® players are testing their luck at a Mega Millions jackpot that is larger than a half-billion dollars. Tonight's jackpot has been increased to an estimated \$521 million with a cash value of \$317.2 million. This is the fourth-largest Mega Millions jackpot on record and the 10th-largest jackpot for any U.S. lottery game. If there are no jackpot winners for tonight's drawing, the jackpot for next Tuesday's drawing will be an estimated \$612 million.

The last Mega Millions jackpot to be set at more than a half-billion dollars was a \$536 million prize for the July 8, 2016 drawing. Friday also marks the six-year anniversary of the largest Mega Millions jackpot on record, a \$656 million prize, that was won by three out-of-state winners on March 30, 2012.

Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot started as a \$40 million prize on Jan. 9 and is the result of 23 draws without a jackpot winner. Texas has had 12 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent winner came in October 2016 when It Will Buy Me a Boat Revocable Trust Dated November 16, 2016, Garon R. Horton, Trustee, of Rockwall, claimed a \$49 million prize. Already in 2018, four Texas players have won second-tier Mega Millions prizes of \$1 million or more. A second-tier prize worth \$1 million for the [drawing on March 23](#) is yet to be claimed.

Mega Millions is played by choosing five numbers from a field of 70 and one Mega Ball number from the second field of 25 numbers. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot, but still walk away winners. Mega Millions offers a \$40 Million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match 5+0) prize of \$1 million. By choosing the Megaplier® for \$1 more per play, players can multiply their non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four or five times, winning as much as \$5 million. Drawings are broadcast each Tuesday and Friday at 10:12 p.m. CT.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$27 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$55 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$21 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas.

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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 \$91 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: The Mega Millions logo is attached in JPEG format.

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