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

**RECORD MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT GROWS TO
\$1 BILLION FOR TONIGHT'S DRAWING**

**Saturday's Powerball® jackpot increases to \$470 million;
Multi-state jackpots now combine for \$1.47 billion in prizes**

(AUSTIN) – With Mega Millions® and Powerball® jackpots now combining for \$1.47 billion, jackpot fever is sweeping across Texas this weekend. Since rolling on Tuesday night, the current Mega Millions jackpot has increased multiple times and is now up to an estimated \$1 billion for tonight's drawing, which is the **largest jackpot prize in the history of the Mega Millions game** and the **second largest jackpot of any lottery game in U.S. history**. The jackpot's estimated cash value is now \$565.6 million. Saturday's Powerball jackpot has also been increased to an estimated \$470 million, making it the eighth largest jackpot in the game's history. This is only the second time in U.S. lottery history that both Mega Millions and Powerball have advertised jackpots above \$400 million simultaneously.

"The excitement that's been generated by this historic Mega Millions jackpot has led to outstanding sales figures for the Texas Lottery during the last several days, which means more revenue for the state of Texas," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "While we're hoping that the lucky winner will be a Texan, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot started as a \$40 million prize on July 27 and is the result of 24 draws without a jackpot winner. Prior to tonight's drawing, the largest Mega Millions jackpot on record was a \$656 million prize for the March 30, 2012 drawing.

Texas has had 12 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent winner came on Oct. 11, 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. So far in 2018, eight Texas players have won second-tier Mega Millions prizes of \$1 million or more.

Saturday's Powerball jackpot with a cash value of \$268.6 million started as a \$40 million prize on Aug. 15 and is the result of 19 draws without a jackpot winner.

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The largest Powerball jackpot was an advertised \$1.586 billion for the drawing held on Jan. 13, 2016, which stands as the world record. In the Powerball game, Texas has had two jackpot winners. In February 2015, TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin, claimed a share of the \$564.1 million jackpot prize with two other out-of-state winners. Already in 2018, 10 Texas players have won second-tier Powerball prizes of \$1 million or more. A second-tier prize worth \$2 million for the [drawing on Sept. 12](#) was sold in Dallas and is yet to be claimed.

Texas Mega Millions & Powerball Jackpot Winners

Game	Draw Date	Advertised Jackpot	Claimant	Claimant City	Retailer	Retailer City
MM	Oct. 1, 2004	\$101M	UT VAN NGUYEN	Carrollton	Sack N Save #204	Carrollton
MM	March 1, 2005	\$112M	MAL HOLDINGS, LP	Rowlett	Dalrock Grocery	Rowlett
MM	May 16, 2006	\$94M	MARTHA L. CUELLAR CRUMP, ALLEN & LEWIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP	El Paso	Good Time Store #12	El Paso
MM	Jan. 9, 2007	\$122M	H & H TRUST	Amarillo	Taylor Petro Co Inc #80	Amarillo
MM	July 6, 2007	\$126M	SB ALCHEMY HOLDINGS, LTD.	Dallas	Central Gas & More	Dallas
MM	Aug. 31, 2007	\$330M	JOHN A. JONES	Dallas	Kroger #318 SST	Humble
MM	Jan. 1, 2008	\$33M	WILLIAM R KIEFER	Fort Worth	C-Store Sub Express	Fort Worth
MM	Jan. 29, 2010	\$144M	MAIM REVOCABLE TRUST	Katy	Short Stop Market	Katy
MM	May 27, 2011	\$35M	PAUL MCDOWELL	Arlington	Tommy's #10	Granbury
PB	May 29, 2013	\$40M	THE LUCKY ONES PARTNERSHIP	Bells	Lone Star Food Store #48	Bells
MM	July 16, 2013	\$20M	THE 6-27-14 REVOCABLE TRUST	Houston	Rosslyn Food Mart	Houston
MM	June 27, 2014	\$33M	TL MANAGEMENT TRUST	Houston	Moulton Grocery & Market	Moulton
PB	Feb. 11, 2015	\$500M	IT WILL BUY ME A BOAT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2016	Austin	Appletree Food Mart	Princeton
MM	Oct. 11, 2016	\$49M		Rockwall	QuikTrip #982	Balch Springs

Top 10 Mega Millions Jackpots

Rank	State	Advertised Jackpot	Draw Date
1	???	\$1 billion	Oct. 19, 2018
2	KS, IL, MD	\$656 million	March 30, 2012
3	CA, GA	\$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
4	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018
5	IN	\$536 million	July 8, 2016
6	NJ	\$533 million	March 30, 2018
7	FL	\$451 million	Jan. 5, 2018
8	FL, MD	\$414 million	March 18, 2018
9	IL	\$393 million	Aug. 11, 2017
10	GA, NJ	\$390 million	March 6, 2007

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Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots				
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1	CA, FL, TN	\$1.586 billion	Jan. 13, 2016	Powerball
2	???	\$1 billion	Oct. 19, 2018	Mega Millions
3	MA	\$758.7 million	Aug. 23, 2017	Powerball
4	KS, IL, MD	\$656.0 million	March 30, 2012	Mega Millions
5	CA, GA	\$648.0 million	Dec. 17, 2013	Mega Millions
6	FL	\$590.5 million	May 18, 2013	Powerball
7	AZ, MO	\$587.5 million	Nov. 28, 2012	Powerball
8	TX, NC, PR	\$564.1 million	Feb. 11, 2015	Powerball
9	NH	\$559.7 million	Jan. 6, 2018	Powerball
10	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018	Mega Millions

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.

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 occur 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 \$28 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$57 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$22 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 \$101 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® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

Editors/News Directors, note: Images of the Mega Millions logo and Powerball logo are attached in JPEG format. A list of the 2018 top selling Texas Lottery retailers is attached.