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

**TEXAS TWO STEP® JACKPOT GROWS TO \$2.05 MILLION
FOR THURSDAY NIGHT'S DRAWING; LARGEST IN OVER A DECADE**

Third-largest jackpot in Texas Two Step history

(AUSTIN) – The game that makes the most jackpot winners in Texas each year just got more exciting. After nine draws without a winner, the Texas Two Step® jackpot that started as a \$200,000 prize for the drawing on July 15 has grown to an estimated \$2.05 million prize for Thursday night's drawing – the largest since 2009. This is the third-largest Texas Two Step jackpot on record and only the fourth time the game has reached the \$2 million threshold since the game started in 2001.

“It's been more than 10 years since we have had a Texas Two Step jackpot this large,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. “If a player matches all four numbers plus the bonus ball, they'll be the biggest Texas Two Step winner in over a decade. We want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win.”

The last time Texas Two Step had a jackpot of more than \$2 million was for the March 12, 2009 drawing when a \$2.15 million prize was claimed by Thomas L. Raborn, of Crystal Lake, who purchased the winning ticket at Timewise #3001 in La Marque.

The largest Texas Two Step jackpot in game history was a \$2.9 million prize for the April 27, 2006 drawing, which was shared by three individuals: Marechia A. Faggett, of Longview; Sukhjeet S. Sekhon, of Longview; and Roberto C. Fernandez, of San Antonio. Two winning tickets were sold at Cowboys in Longview and the third was purchased at Ben's Ice and Food Store in San Antonio.

So far in 2019, there have been 21 Texas Two Step jackpot winners, including four that have won or shared a jackpot prize of \$1.05 million or higher.

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Texas Two Step jackpots start at \$200,000, and the jackpot amount increases for the next drawing until there is a winner. Players win the jackpot by matching all four of the white ball numbers (1-35) and one Bonus Ball number (1-35) to the numbers drawn. The game features overall odds of one in 32.4. Texas Two Step drawings are conducted on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:12 p.m. CT and tickets must be purchased by 10:02 p.m. CT.

Largest Texas Two Step® Jackpots

Rank	Jackpot Amount	Draw Date	Retailer City
1	\$2.9 million	April 27, 2006	San Antonio, Longview, Longview
2	\$2.15 million	Oct. 2, 2006	Eules & Bryan
2	\$2.15 million	March 12, 2009	La Marque
3	\$2.05 million	Aug. 15, 2019	??
4	\$1.875 million	July 26, 2018	Garland & Eules

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$29 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$61 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$23 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 \$117 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. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

Editors/News Directors, note: An image of the Texas Two Step® logo is attached in JPEG format.

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