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JACKPOT ALERT: SATURDAY'S *POWERBALL®*JACKPOT AT \$300 MILLION

Cash Value of Jackpot an Estimated \$172.7 Million

(AUSTIN) – Saturday's *Powerball*[®] jackpot has been raised to an estimated \$300 million, the largest lottery jackpot currently up for grabs in the U.S. This jackpot started as a \$40 million prize on June 26 and is the result of 11 draws without a jackpot winner. This is the tenth largest *Powerball* jackpot in the game's history. The largest *Powerball* jackpot ever, and the second largest jackpot in history for any lottery game, was an advertised \$600 million for the drawing held on May 18 of this year.

Powerball players win the jackpot by correctly matching five numbers from a field of 59, plus the *Powerball* number from a field of 35. The second-tier prize, awarded for matching all five numbers, but not the *Powerball* number is \$1 million. Players can increase their second-tier prize to \$2 million if they purchase the \$1 add-on feature *Power Play* with their ticket. Odds of winning the jackpot prize are one in 175,223,510, and overall odds of winning any prize are one in 32.

About the Texas Lottery®

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$20 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$40 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$15 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.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, $Mega\ Millions^{\mathbb{B}}$, $Lotto\ Texas^{\mathbb{B}}$, $All\ or\ Nothing^{\mathsf{TM}}$, $Texas\ Two\ Step^{\mathbb{B}}$, $Pick\ 3^{\mathsf{TM}}$, $Daily\ 4^{\mathsf{TM}}$, $Cash\ Five^{\mathbb{B}}$ and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u> or at www.txlottery.org.

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