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TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION RECOGNIZES NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery Commission will join communities nationwide to observe National Problem Gambling Awareness Week (NPGAW) March 4-10.

“Celebrating its 10th year, this event attempts to increase awareness of the consequences of problem gambling and the availability of treatment,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “As always, we remind our players to enjoy our products responsibly and seek help when playing the lottery becomes more than a game.”

Charitable Bingo Operations Division Director Phil Sanderson agreed, “If you or someone you know has a problem, we encourage you to seek out the help and resources you need.”

Anyone with concerns about this issue can reach a nationwide problem gambling help line at 1-800-522-4700. Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additional information about NPGAW can be found at www.npgaw.org.

The Texas Lottery® includes its “Play Responsibly” message on tickets, brochures and the agency’s website, which offers links to a variety of resources and features a new public service announcement. For more information, please visit the official Texas Lottery website at www.txlottery.org.

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