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## ***TEXAS TWO STEP - SHOWING PLAYERS THE MONEY!***

(Austin, June 15) - - Ask Texas Lottery players and retailers what they like most about the lottery's newest game, *Texas Two Step*, and you'll hear the number one reason shouted across the state - the money! A *Texas Two Step* jackpot record is set for Friday, June 15th, when the top-prize for matching all four numbers and the Bonus Ball is \$1,100,000.

Since the first drawing less than a month ago, *Texas Two Step* players have won a total of \$3,355,623 in prizes. The game has produced 260,477 winners altogether, with the number of winners per drawing averaging more than 30,000. Six jackpot winners have won a combined total of more than \$1.1 million. The single largest jackpot won so far has been \$350,000 claimed by Rickie Hale of Fort Worth.

"We look forward to every Tuesday and Friday night," said Robert Tirloni, Texas Lottery's On-line Product Manager. "It's been very exciting watching for all the new *Texas Two Step* winners. Since May 18th, we've paid \$5 to more than 145,000 winners just for matching the Bonus Ball."

The Texas Lottery has paid out more than \$240,000 to 151 players who matched the four numbers in the first play field.

"The players aren't the only ones winning with *Texas Two Step*," said Tirloni. "The six retailers who have sold jackpot winning tickets are eligible for more than \$11,000 in retailer bonuses combined. Since inception, sales through Wednesday, June 13th, have exceeded \$8.8 million."

There are two outstanding *Texas Two Step* tickets still unclaimed. Both tickets were sold in Houston. One was purchased at Fiesta Mart #36, located at 7061 Lawndale for the Friday, May 18th, drawing. The other ticket was sold at Mike's Drive-in Grocery Stop, located at 4702 Ennis Street for the drawing held Friday, June 1st.

*Texas Two Step* is drawn every Tuesday and Friday night at 9:59 p.m.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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