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Big Jackpots, New Scratch Games Lead To Texas Lottery® Highest Sales Month In History

(Austin, July 1) - The first month of summer has come and gone, and in its wake it left the highest sales total in the 12-year history of the Texas Lottery®. Overall sales for the month of June, which include sales for Scratch Off games, *Lotto Texas*™, *Cash Five*™, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Mega Millions*™ and the Megaplier™ totaled more than \$391.6 million.

"It's incredible what the past month meant for the Texas Lottery," said Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "We had a record *Lotto* jackpot, a record sales week and now a record sales month. And July just might give last month a run for the money since Friday's *Mega Millions* drawing is now worth an estimated \$290 million."

Since joining the *Mega Millions* group seven months ago, Texas' total sales exceed \$154 million. Sales for the Megaplier feature, offered only in Texas, are nearly \$38 million, for a total amount of more than \$192 million.

"We also introduced new Scratch Off games that really have players excited," Greer explained. "We launched *Corvette Cash*, the first instant ticket we've had that allows players a chance to win a 2004 Corvette Convertible. Sales also started for Texas' first \$25 instant ticket, *Run The Table*, with a chance at one of three \$1,000,000 cash prizes."

Sales for the previous record-setting month for the Texas Lottery, November 1996, were approximately \$344 million.

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