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POWERBALL® JACKPOT RAISED TO \$325 MILLION HIGHEST CASH JACKPOT IN POWERBALL HISTORY

(AUSTIN) – Texas Lottery® players who enjoy the *Powerball*® game will have a chance to play for the largest jackpot offered since Texas joined the game in January 2010. Brisk sales pushed Saturday’s jackpot beyond the original \$310 million estimate to an estimated \$325 million. The cash value jackpot is at a record \$202.9 million, the highest ever for *Powerball*.

“We are excited to offer our players this chance to participate in a record-setting *Powerball* drawing,” said Texas Lottery Executive Director Gary Grief. “Players respond to large jackpots, and this is the biggest *Powerball* jackpot that Texans have had an opportunity to win.”

Powerball has grown into one of the world’s biggest and most recognizable lottery games. Today *Powerball* is played in 44 lottery jurisdictions across the nation, raising nearly \$1 billion each year for worthy causes.

The newly revamped \$2 version of the game, which debuted January 15, was designed to give players more lottery game options by creating a premium *Powerball* with very large jackpots, a second prize of \$1 million in cash, and better overall odds of winning a prize. Key features for the new game are starting jackpots that doubled from \$20 million to \$40 million and a cash second prize that quintupled from \$200,000 to \$1 million. One goal of the game change was to spread the wealth by offering a shower of \$1 million prizes, and the game has already created 21 millionaires nationwide since the change.

By changing the number of red *Powerballs* from 39 to 35, the overall odds of winning a prize in *Powerball* improved from 1 in 35.1 to 1 in 31.8. The jackpot odds dropped from 1 in 195 million

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to 1 in 175 million. The odds of winning by matching just the red *Powerball* dropped from 1 in 61.7 to 1 in 55.4. With the game changes, the prize for matching the red *Powerball* number alone also increased to \$4.

The *Power Play*® option is still available for an extra \$1 per play. Rather than randomly multiplying prizes by two to five times, *Power Play* now moves each prize level below the jackpot up by a set amount. The second-tier prize of \$1 million is doubled to \$2 million, and the \$10,000 prize quadruples to \$40,000. Other non-jackpot prizes are also increased.

“As the *Powerball* jackpot continues to grow, we encourage our players to have fun, enjoy the game and play responsibly,” said Grief.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed nearly \$14 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.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*®, *Lotto Texas*®, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit **www.txlottery.org**.

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Top Powerball Cash Value Jackpots			
Rank	Draw Date	Advertised Jackpot	Cash Value
1	Feb. 11, 2012	\$325,000,000	\$202,900,000.00
2	Feb. 18, 2006	\$365,000,000	\$177,270,519.67
3	Dec. 25, 2002	\$280,000,000	\$170,505,876.33
4	Aug. 25, 2001	\$280,000,000	\$165,803,324.51
5	Oct. 19, 2005	\$340,000,000	\$164,410,058.03

Top Powerball Jackpots			
Rank	Draw Date	Jackpot Amount	Claimant
1	Feb. 18, 2006	\$365,000,000	ConAgra Foods Co-Workers of Lincoln, NE
2	Oct. 19, 2005	\$340,000,000	Steve & Carolyn West of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Bob & Francis Cheney of Jacksonville, OR
3	Feb. 11, 2012	\$325,000,000	It could be you!
4	Dec. 25, 2002	\$314,900,000	Jack Whittaker of Scotts Depot, WV
5	Aug. 25, 2007	\$314,300,000	Coterel & Hiles Family of Riverside & Dayton, OH

Top U.S. Lottery Jackpots				
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date	Game
1	GA, NJ	\$390.0 million	March 6, 2007	Mega Millions
2	ID, WA	\$380.0 million	Jan. 4, 2011	Mega Millions
3	NE	\$365.0 million	Feb. 18, 2006	Powerball
4	IL, MI	\$363.0 million	May 9, 2000	The Big Game
5	OR	\$340.0 million	Oct. 19, 2005	Powerball
6	CA, NY	\$336.0 million	Aug. 28, 2009	Mega Millions
7	GA, IL, NJ	\$331.0 million	April 16, 2002	The Big Game
8	MD, NJ, TX, VI	\$330.0 million	Aug. 31, 2007	Mega Millions
9	?	\$325.0 million	Feb. 11, 2012	Powerball
10	NY	\$319.0 million	March 25, 2011	Mega Millions