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## **Play Responsibly - Texas Lottery Commission Reminds Players To Remember, It's Just A Game**

(Austin, August 29) - Starting Monday, September 1, the Texas Lottery Commission will begin an awareness campaign to remind players that *The Games of Texas*<sup>™</sup> were created to be a fun form of entertainment and to PLAY RESPONSIBLY! The campaign was created in an effort to provide a public service to players in response to the recent legislative budget cuts to the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling hotline.

"Responsibility is a core value of the Texas Lottery Commission," said Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "That's why we've identified key resources to help players who might have a compulsive gambling problem, and encourage them to check out those resources at [www.txlottery.org/responsible.cfm](http://www.txlottery.org/responsible.cfm)."

The Texas Lottery's PLAY RESPONSIBLY resource Web page will include links to various agencies that provide help for players who think they might have a gambling problem, or who live or care for a problem gambler. The various sites provide surveys to help identify problem gambling, methods for treatment and prevention, and recovery programs. The sites include:

- [Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse](#) (TCADA)
- [North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries](#) (NASPL)
- [National Center for Responsible Gambling](#) (NCRG)
- [Gamblers Anonymous](#)
- [Gam-Anon](#)

"The Texas Lottery wants to encourage those who might have a gambling problem to seek help," Greer said. "These resources are there to provide information to everyone. Remember, the games of Texas are just that - games, and are meant to provide fun and excitement for players."

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>