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TEXAS LOTTERY® RECOGNIZES PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

(AUSTIN) — As a member of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG), the Texas Lottery[®] is recognizing March, Problem Gambling Awareness Month, by reminding lottery players to play responsibly.

"We are committed to helping raise awareness of problem gambling and as always, remind players that it only takes one ticket to win," said Texas Lottery Executive Director Gary Grief.

According to the NCPG, signs of a gambling problem include:

- Lying to loved ones about gambling activity
- Deterioration of work performance
- Trouble concentrating
- Missing deadlines and important responsibilities
- Worry about mounting debts and inability to pay them



The Texas Lottery encourages those that may be struggling with problem gambling to contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network at 1-800-522-4700. The helpline is accessible 24/7 and calls are free and confidential.

To learn more about the resources available, visit the <u>Play Responsibly</u> page of the Texas Lottery's website, www.txlottery.org

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$21 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$42 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$16 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.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball, Mega Millions*[®], *Lotto Texas*[®], *All or Nothing*[™], *Texas Two Step*[®], *Pick 3*[™], *Daily 4*[™], *Cash Five*[®] and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u> or at <u>www.txlottery.org</u>.

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