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## TEXAS LOTTERY® BLACK SCRATCH-OFF GAME SALES CONTINUE TO SOAR

(Austin) – Sales of *Texas Lottery*<sup>®</sup> *Black*, a \$10 scratch-off game released in mid-January, continue their rocket pace, selling ahead of all other Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> instant games for the sixth week in a row.

"We issued this game at the \$10 price point with \$44.3 million in total prizes, six top prizes of \$1 million and many significant second- and third-tier prizes of \$10,000 and \$5,000, believing it would be a hit among our players and a big seller for our retailers," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "It certainly has been, as sales indicate. Week over week since its release on January 17, *Texas Lottery Black* sales have far out-paced sales of all our other scratch-off games through last week."

The game has a print-run of 6,178,100 tickets, and each retailer pack has 50 tickets with a guaranteed total prize amount of \$240 per pack. The game allows players to win up to 30 times. The odds of winning the top prize are one in 1 million. The overall odds of winning any prize are one in 3.32, including break-even prizes. Two of the game's six top prizes have been claimed through the end of February.

More information about the Texas Lottery is on the official website, www.txlottery.org.

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