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MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT COULD SET WORLD RECORD

No jackpot winners in tonight's drawing could create \$476 million jackpot

Tonight's drawing features largest cash value jackpot in U.S. history

(AUSTIN) –Texas Lottery® officials announced today that, if there are no jackpot winners for the \$363 million *Mega Millions*® estimated jackpot tonight, sales could push the prize to a **new world record of \$476 million for Friday's drawing.**

“*Mega Millions* has a long tradition of offering some of the largest jackpots in the world, so it's impressive but not surprising that the game is once again breaking records,” said Gary Grief, who serves as the Texas Lottery executive director and lead director of *Mega Millions*.

Texans have the opportunity to win big by participating in the drawing for tonight's estimated \$363 million *Mega Millions* jackpot, payable in 26 annual payments or a record one-time cash payment of \$259.8 million.

FACTS ABOUT THIS JACKPOT:

- Features the third largest jackpot in *Mega Millions* history
- The highest cash value option jackpot in U.S. lottery history (\$259.8 million)
- Ties for fourth largest jackpot for any lottery game in U.S. history (estimated \$363 million)
- Ties for fourth largest jackpot in world history (estimated \$363 million)
- Could roll to a new world record of \$476 million if no one wins the jackpot prize tonight

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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 \$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**.
