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# TEXAS LOTTERY® SEES INCREASE IN SALES AND REVENUE IN FY 09

(AUSTIN) –The Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> finished out Fiscal Year 2009 by transferring a total of \$1.0 billion to the Foundation School Fund to support public education in Texas, an increase of over \$17 million from the previous fiscal year.

"Total sales in FY 09 increased by over \$48 million compared to last year for a grand total of \$3.72 billion in sales," said Texas Lottery Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. "This represents the fourth best year of sales for the Texas Lottery since we started selling tickets in 1992. We're extremely grateful to our loyal players, hard working lottery retailers and dedicated agency staff, all of whom helped us generate this needed revenue for Texas education."

Grief also cited the following sales highlights for Fiscal Year 2009:

- \$2.79 billion in instant scratch-off ticket sales, the third-highest level of scratch-off sales in the Texas Lottery's history;
- \$262.8 million in Mega Millions and Megaplier sales, the best year in Texas for Mega Millions and Megaplier since Texas joined the multi-state game in 2003;
- \$51.5 million in *Texas Two Step*<sup>®</sup> sales, the best year for *Texas Two Step*<sup>®</sup> since 2003;

- \$2.29 billion in prizes paid to players, the third highest amount in the Texas Lottery's history;
- \$187.6 million in commissions and bonuses paid to lottery retailers.

Overall, 95 percent of the Texas Lottery's \$3.72 billion in sales was returned to the state and players in the form of prizes, contributions to the Foundation School Fund, retailer bonuses and commissions, and other state programs.

Sales of other games offered by the Texas Lottery in Fiscal Year 2009 included *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> at \$200.5 million, *Pick 3*<sup>®</sup> and *Pick 3*<sup>®</sup> Sum It Up at \$290.7 million, Cash 5<sup>®</sup> at \$70.7 million, and Daily 4<sup>®</sup> and Daily 4<sup>®</sup> Sum It Up at \$52.2 million.

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

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