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POWERBALL® GAME CREATES MORE THAN 500 MILLIONAIRES EACH YEAR IN THE U.S.

Current game design celebrates two-year anniversary

(AUSTIN) – This month marks the two-year anniversary of the current \$2 *Powerball*® game design, and the improved features have paid off big for players in Texas and across the country. When the current game was introduced Jan. 15, 2012, the Multi-State Lottery Association forecast at least 300 millionaires would be created each year, and *Powerball* has delivered. Nationally, in the last 24 months, the *Powerball* game created 1,013 millionaires, an average of more than 500 millionaires each year, or nine millionaires per week.

The \$2 *Powerball* game was designed to offer larger starting jackpots that grow quickly, more chances to become a millionaire and better overall odds. In the past two years, *Powerball* has created the four largest jackpots in the game's 20-plus-year history. The increased Match 5 prize of \$1 million, or \$2 million if the ticket includes *Power Play*®, gives players more chances to become a millionaire. Nationally, in the past two years, 979 Match 5 tickets won a total of more than \$1 billion in cash prizes; of these, 847 players received \$1 million prizes and 133 players received \$2 million prizes. Also, as a result of reducing overall odds, more than 160 million players in the U.S. have won a *Powerball* prize in the last two years, including 34 multi-million dollar jackpot prize winners.

"We are thrilled that *Powerball* continues to exceed player expectations, allowing it to be a huge success for players and for public education in Texas," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery.

With national sales of \$11 billion, the new *Powerball* game has resulted in millions of dollars in retailer commissions and revenue to support worthwhile causes in every *Powerball* state. In Texas, \$239.1 million has been generated to support public education since the *Powerball* changes took effect in 2012 and retailers have received \$28.4 million in commissions.

"Texas players have benefited from the new *Powerball* game, as more than 11,360,191 winning tickets have been sold in the state," said Grief. "Our players enjoy the chance to play for big prizes and the

improved game has resulted in Texas having 43 winning tickets worth \$1 million or more, including a [jackpot prize of \\$40 million](#).”

Powerball jackpots start at \$40 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win by matching the five white ball numbers (1-59) and the red *Powerball* number (1-35). There are eight other ways to win non-jackpot prizes ranging from \$4 to \$1 million or up to \$2 million if the ticket includes *Power Play*. The overall odds of winning a prize in the game are approximately 1 in 31.

About Powerball®

Powerball is played in 45 U.S. lottery jurisdictions. *Powerball* is a state lottery game facilitated by the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL), a government-benefit, non-profit association owned and operated by 33 member U.S. lotteries. MUSL currently coordinates six multi-state games in the United States. *Powerball*® drawings are Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:59 p.m. Eastern Time, 9:59 p.m. Central Time, 8:59 p.m. Mountain Time and 7:59 p.m. Pacific Time. For more information about *Powerball*®, please visit www.powerball.com. *Powerball*® and *Power Play*® are registered trademarks of the Multi-State Lottery Association.

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 [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or at www.txlottery.org.

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