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Texas Lottery® *Cash Five*™ Game - One Year And 17,747,653 Total Winners Later

(Austin, July 29) - The Texas Lottery® is celebrating the one year anniversary of the *Cash Five*TM game. Since the game was revamped in 2002, more than 17 million tickets have matched numbers giving players prizes totaling \$70,830,620.

"The *Cash Five* game is stronger than ever," said Reagan E. Greer, Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director. "We have a game that is extremely popular with our players, has great odds of winning, and shows an increase in sales of more than 22 percent since we re-launched it last year."

The increase in sales reflects the 45 weeks after the re-launch in July 2002, compared with the same period prior to the game change.

The *Cash Five* game, in which players choose five numbers from 1 to 37, offers players 1 in 8 odds of winning any prize. Players win cash prizes for matching two, three, four and five numbers. If players match two numbers, they win a guaranteed prize of \$2. All other cash prizes are pari-mutuel. Drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 10:12 p.m., Central Standard Time.

"Cash Five produces an average of 50,000 winners per drawing," said Greer. "That's a big reason our players and retailers like it so much, and between August 3 and 16, players will receive a free Cash Five Quick Pick with a \$5 or more Cash Five purchase."

The free ticket will be good for the current Cash Five drawing. The promotion ends on Saturday, August 16 at midnight.

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