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## \*\*\*JACKPOT ALERT\*\*\* LOTTO TEXAS<sup>®</sup> JACKPOT SOARS TO \$46.25 MILLION FOR WEDNESDAY'S DRAWING

## Game's largest jackpot in more than two years; currently the third-largest jackpot prize in North America

**AUSTIN** – The largest Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup> jackpot in more than two years continues to grow and now sits at an **estimated annuitized \$46.25 million** for the <u>Wednesday, Feb. 22 drawing.</u> The current jackpot remains the <u>third largest up for grabs in North America and fifth largest in the world</u>. Tonight's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$27.2 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Saturday, Feb. 25 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$47.25 million.

"After no one won the Lotto Texas jackpot over the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> players will have a chance to play for an even larger prize tonight," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Tonight's Lotto Texas jackpot is the largest we've seen since September 2020 and is sitting among the largest lottery jackpot prizes currently up for grabs in the world. As this exciting jackpot run continues, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Wednesday's drawing will be the 68<sup>th</sup> in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing. This is the largest Lotto Texas jackpot up for grabs since the Sept. 30, 2020 drawing when it reached an estimated \$47 million, which was <u>claimed by a Seguin resident</u> who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin.

In 2022, there were six Lotto Texas jackpot winners. The game's most recent jackpot winner was a <u>Katy</u> <u>resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$19 million</u> for the drawing held on Sept. 17, 2022. The largest Lotto Texas jackpot in game history was an advertised \$145 million prize for the June 19, 2004, drawing, which was sold in El Paso and claimed by VOM Enterprises, Ltd.

Lotto Texas is played by picking six numbers from one to 54 and offers multimillion-dollar jackpots. Drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. For \$1 more per Play, a (more)

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player can select the Extra! add-on feature for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes. Ticket sales for the next Lotto Texas drawing will close at 10:02 p.m. CT on Wednesday.

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.4 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.4 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. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$204 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball<sup>®</sup>, Mega Millions<sup>®</sup>, Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup>, All or Nothing<sup>™</sup>, Texas Two Step<sup>®</sup>, Pick 3<sup>™</sup>, Daily 4<sup>™</sup>, Cash Five<sup>®</sup> and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> A high-res image of the Lotto Texas logo can be downloaded <u>here</u> and an image of the Lotto Texas prize chart can be downloaded <u>here</u>. (Right-click on the image for saving options.)

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