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CA Lottery Lauded for High-Level Security Standards, Gaming Integrity

SACRAMENTO – The California Lottery announced today it has once again earned a prestigious gaming security certification from the World Lottery Association (WLA). The WLA – Security Control Standard (WLA-SCS) is the lottery sector’s only internationally recognized security standard for the management and protection of information and data. This is the second re-certification the California Lottery has received. In fact, the California Lottery is the only lottery in the United States to earn this certification since 2014.

Certification to this standard verifies that an organization’s security management structure and risk management strategies and processes maintain a high degree of integrity, security and confidentiality of information that is vital to its operations. The WLA-SCS combines a leading international standard for information security (ISO/IEC 27001:2013) with current best practices in lottery security.

The California Lottery takes pride in its efforts to ensure the highest level of security in our games and operations and in maintaining the trust of the people who buy our products.

This is also not the first time the California Lottery has been recognized by the WLA. The California Lottery has also been awarded with the WLA’s highest certification level for its Responsible Gaming programs. In fact, the California Lottery was the first in the U.S. to achieve the WLA Level Four award in this specific category as well.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transfers to public education total approximately \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which amounts to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely non-discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period the Lottery generated almost \$7 billion in sales, more than 95% of which goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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