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\$2.1 Million Mega Millions® Ticket Sold in Eureka

SACRAMENTO – A California Lottery player who purchased a *Mega Millions*® ticket in Eureka (Humboldt County) has won a \$2,171,698 prize (less federal taxes). The ticket matched five of the six winning numbers (07-17-13-21-45) from Tuesday night’s draw, missing only the Mega number (14).

The winning ticket was purchased at Three Corners Market, located at 5945 Myrtle Avenue in Eureka. We will not know the identity of the winner until he or she claims their prize. The ticket must then be verified by the California Lottery.

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing funding to the state’s public schools, colleges and universities. However, to protect the health and safety of Lottery employees and the public, Lottery representatives are not providing direct services to retailers at this time, and all Lottery offices are closed to the public. Claim processing periods are not affected by the health crisis at this time. In order to claim a prize, winners must mail their winning ticket and claim form. Forms and detailed mailing instructions can be found on the CA Lottery [website](#).

In addition to supporting public education, the Lottery also provides essential revenue to the local retailers that sell tickets. Based on sales levels during late March/early April of this year, retailers across the state received over \$7 million per week in commissions and bonuses from the Lottery. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned by entrepreneurs who are trying to stay afloat during these difficult times. Three Corners Market will receive an estimated \$10,800 in commission for selling the winning ticket.

Three Corners Market has been a Lottery retailer since the Lottery began in 1985. Jeff Walker, a part owner of the small business, states, “The Lottery brings in more business and as a small business owner, as long as we are open, we will sell the Lottery because it helps us.” Walker says that the bonus will be invested back into the business.

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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