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### **\$1.9 Million *Mega Millions*® Ticket Sold in Town of 31**

**SACRAMENTO** – A California Lottery player who purchased a *Mega Millions*® ticket in Shoshone (Inyo County) has won a \$1,900,006 prize (less federal taxes). The ticket matched five of the six winning numbers (59-18-15-16-39) from Tuesday night's draw, missing only the Mega number (17).

According to Census data, Shoshone has an estimated population of just 31! This just goes to show that anyone in California has an equal chance to become the state's latest millionaire! Winners can be made in big cities or small.

The winning ticket was purchased at Charles Brown General Store, located at 712 CA-127 Shoshone, CA 92384.

"My great-grandfather founded the town in 1910 and had a store," said current store owner Susan Sorrells. "In the 1950s, my grandfather expanded the store into a supermarket for the mining community. My husband and I, in the '80s, turned it into a trading post, and in present time, the store has morphed. It has been operating in some form since around 1915. All in the same family, I am the fourth generation."

Sorrells also told the California Lottery how great the timing is for this win. "It has been a really long and challenging six months. It is nice to have something positive. It is sort of like Christmas. We are really happy about it".

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 Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. In addition, the Lottery provides essential revenue to the local retailers that sell tickets. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned by people and families trying to stay afloat in this challenging economy. Charles Brown General Store will receive an estimated \$9,500 bonus for selling the winning ticket.



*(Image of Charles Brown General Store employees proudly holding a print out of the winning numbers for the October 6, 2020, Mega Millions drawing)*

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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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