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### ***Celebrating Some Big Hallo-Wins! Scratchers® Create New Millionaires in the Central Valley***

**SACRAMENTO** – No tricks here – but the California Lottery is handing out some big treats this Halloween season! A couple of players scratched off huge wins in the Central Valley! A very lucky Scratchers ticket hit the \$5 million prize while another player won \$2 million.

Ramon Gonzalez got his \$5 million jackpot from a *Golden State Riches* Scratchers ticket he picked up at Cressey Store located at 9074 N. Santa Fe Dr. in Cressey, CA (Merced County).

Armando Hernandez Robles won \$2 million after scratching an *Instant Prize Crossword* Scratchers the bought at Pixley Gas located at 130 S. Main St. in Pixley, CA (Tulare County).

Cressey Store will earn a \$25,000 bonus, and Pixley Gas gets \$10,000 just for selling the winning tickets! The California Lottery provides essential revenue to more than 23,000 local retailers across California, most of which are independently owned by people and families trying to stay afloat in this challenging economy.

Along with putting more money into local economies, the California Lottery and its employees also continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to the state's public schools, colleges, and universities. The California Lottery is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month, highlighting the more than \$37 billion raised for public education since October of 1985!

Learn more about the California State Lottery on our [website](#).

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#### **About the California Lottery**

*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 could 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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