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POWERBALL® to Launch Third Weekly Drawing on Monday Nights

SACRAMENTO – **POWERBALL®** players will soon get the chance to start the week in a winning way with a new Monday night drawing! The new Monday drawing will join the lineup of *Powerball* drawings on August 23, 2021 at 7:59 p.m. PT. Currently, *Powerball* draws occur on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The first day that players will be able to purchase tickets for the new Monday *Powerball* draw will be Sunday, August 22, 2021. Tickets are \$2 per play.

The Powerball Product Group anticipates that adding the Monday drawing will result in larger, faster-growing jackpots. The group also expects to see an increase in the number of cash prizes and jackpots awarded on an annual basis. Adding a third drawing will not change the *Powerball* game odds or set cash prizes. Players will continue to choose five numbers from 1 to 69 and one *Powerball* number from 1 to 26.

All 48 U.S. lotteries will sell tickets for the *Powerball* drawing occurring on Monday nights. Ticket sales from a third weekly drawing will help the California Lottery continue to maximize its mission to provide supplemental funding for public education in the state, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities.

Players can watch the new Monday night drawing live online at www.powerball.com with a new livestream feature that launched earlier this summer.

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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 transferred to public education totaled approximately \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2019-20, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, 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 went 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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