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Rare Lottery Jackpot Event Tonight! ***Mega Millions® and Powerball® jackpots combined at \$857 million***

SACRAMENTO – For only the third time in the history of the games, both the *Mega Millions* and *Powerball* games simultaneously have estimated jackpots amounts above \$400 million! The projected top prize amount for tonight's *Mega Millions* drawing has just been increased to an astounding \$447 million! There has not been a *Mega Millions* jackpot win since September 15, 2020. The *Powerball* jackpot for Wednesday's drawing is an estimated \$410 million. Coincidentally, the last time the *Powerball* jackpot was hit was on September 16, 2020, the day after the *Mega Millions* jackpot was won. Therefore, this will be the 32nd draw in the current jackpot run series for each of the games. The last time BOTH jackpots were this high was in January 2018 and again in October of 2018.

The California Lottery urges players to follow public health guidelines when purchasing Lottery games at authorized retail locations. To play in the safest way, players can use the Advanced Play® feature that allows multiple draws with one purchase using the same numbers. Play up to 10 consecutive draws on one play slip by simply marking the Advance Play box or request it upon purchase. This way players can enjoy their favorite games without having to make additional trips to retail locations.

Mega Millions draws are Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. PT. **Sales close at 7:45 p.m., so players must buy their tickets by then to qualify for this evening's draw.**

Powerball draws happen Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. PT. **Sales close at 7 p.m. for this game, so players must buy their tickets by then to qualify for that draw.** The California Lottery has more than 23,000 retail partners, most of which are essential businesses and still open in accordance with state and local public health guidelines. Please visit the California Lottery website at www.calottery.com for more information on how to play.

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, generating additional funding to help support the state's public schools, colleges and universities.

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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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