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## SHAKE UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH TEXAS LOTTERY® SCRATCH TICKET GAMES

**AUSTIN** – As many begin to write their holiday shopping lists, the Texas Lottery is releasing four new scratch ticket games that would make great gifts for any adult this holiday season. These festive games, each with a unique look and playing experience, range from \$1 to \$10 and offer more than \$84.9 million in total cash prizes.

"With the holiday season right around the corner, we're excited to launch four new games that feature high-level printing enhancements and different play styles to meet everyone's desires this holiday season," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "While these games are a great option for those on your gift-giving list, they should only be purchased for individuals who are 18 years old and older. On behalf of the Texas Lottery Commission, I would like to wish our players, retailers and vendors a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season."

With 25 chances to win one of four \$250,000 top prizes and three bonus play areas on every ticket, <u>Peppermint Payout Deluxe</u> features holographic design elements and leads the way in the Texas Lottery's 2022 holiday scratch ticket suite. The \$10 game is loaded with more than \$41.1 million in total cash prizes.

For \$5, players will get cracking on their scratching with <u>Nutcracker Cash</u>, which features five \$100,000 top prizes in the game. Nutcracker Cash has a unique die-cut design and offers 20 chances to win cash prizes totaling \$24.9 million throughout the game.

<u>Winter Words</u>, a Texas Lottery holiday season favorite, returns at the \$3 price point. This wordsthemed, extended play game features 12 games on every ticket with chances to win cash prizes totaling \$12.1 million, with more than 100,000 prizes between \$20 and \$50,000. This year's version of Winter Words offers four \$50,000 top prizes throughout the game.

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With more than \$6.8 million in total cash prizes to play for in <u>Holiday Bucks</u>, players can scratch one of five different whimsical scenes. Holiday Bucks costs \$1 to play and features 59 \$500 top prizes, ensuring all prizes in the game are cashable at retail.

In FY 2022, the Texas Lottery set a new record with \$8.297 billion in sales, which resulted in a record total contribution of \$1.998 billion for public education and veterans' services in Texas – marking the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Texas Lottery generated more than \$1 billion in revenue for Texas.

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$35.7 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$77.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$29.8 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$194 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball<sup>®</sup>, Mega Millions<sup>®</sup>, Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup>, All or Nothing<sup>™</sup>, Texas Two Step<sup>®</sup>, Pick 3<sup>™</sup>, Daily 4<sup>™</sup>, Cash Five<sup>®</sup> and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> A high-res image of the Texas Lottery's Holiday scratch ticket suite can be downloaded <u>here</u>. (Right-click on the image for saving options.)

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