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## \$17.5 MILLION LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT-WINNING TICKET SOLD IN ODESSA

**AUSTIN** – A jackpot-winning ticket worth an estimated annuitized \$17.5 million for the Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup> drawing held on March 9 was purchased at Heifer's N Convenience Store, located at 6301 N. Dixie Blvd., in Odessa. The winning ticket with player-chosen numbers matched all six of the numbers drawn (17-23-26-32-38-45). The cash value option was selected at the time of purchase and the claimant will receive \$10,081,454.18 before taxes. The prize has not yet been claimed. The winner has 180 days from the draw date to claim the prize.

"It was an exciting Saturday night for a Lotto Texas player who purchased a ticket in Odessa and became the game's first jackpot winner of 2024," said Ryan Mindell, deputy executive director of the Texas Lottery. "We are looking forward to meeting and congratulating the winner of this prize. If you have the winning ticket, we encourage you to sign the ticket, put it in a safe place, seek financial and legal advice, and call the Texas Lottery to schedule an appointment to claim the prize."

In addition to the jackpot-winning prize, 62,886 Lotto Texas tickets, including those with the Extra! add-on feature, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$2 to \$12,189 for the same drawing. The jackpot for the next Lotto Texas drawing on Monday, March 11 stands at an estimated annuitized \$5 million.

Lotto Texas is played by picking six numbers from one to 54 and offers multimillion-dollar jackpots. Drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. For \$1 more per Play, a player can select the Extra! add-on feature for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes. More information about playing Lotto Texas and the Extra! add-on feature can be found <u>here</u>.

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$38 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$85 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$32.5 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 \$231 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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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, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at <u>texaslottery.com</u>. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> A high-res image of the Lotto Texas logo can be downloaded <u>here</u>. (Right-click on the image for saving options.)

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