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MEGA MILLIONS SALES GROW AS JACKPOT ROLLS TO \$306 MILLION

Take a chance to start 2018 as a Lucky Lottery Winner!

TRENTON (Dec. 29, 2017) – Excited Mega Millions lottery players are lining up at New Jersey Lottery retail locations to take their chance on winning tonight's estimated \$306 million (\$191 million cash) Mega Millions jackpot and become our nation's newest "Mega Millionaire!"

"Imagine starting 2018 as a multi-millionaire because you hold the winning ticket after the numbers are drawn tonight in Atlanta at 11:00 p.m. EST," said New Jersey Lottery Executive Director Carole Hedinger. "Retailers, too, are hoping for a New Jersey winner of this jackpot, because the retailer location that sells the winning ticket(s) will get a bonus check of \$30,000 for each winning Mega Millions jackpot ticket they sell – money that can be used to grow their business or put back into the local economy," she continued.

The jackpot has been growing since October 13th when Mega Millions had its most recent jackpot winner. This jackpot has rolled 22 times without a winner. The \$306 million jackpot will be a great way to start the New Year. Remember, it only takes one ticket to have a chance to win; so, buy your ticket early and get in the game!!

"We remind everyone to play responsibly...to play within their means," Hedinger said.

All New Jersey Lottery Mega Millions tickets must be purchased before 10:45 pm to participate in the drawing. Mega Millions tickets cost just two dollars; by adding the Megaplier option for an extra dollar per play, players can increase their non-jackpot winnings up to five times.

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