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POWERBALL JACKPOT GROWS TO \$384 MILLION

There's still time to ring in the New Year a winner!

TRENTON (Dec. 30, 2017) – The Powerball jackpot has just been increased to \$384 million for tonight's drawing, says New Jersey Lottery Executive Director Carole Hedinger. This is the 14th largest jackpot in Powerball history. Hedinger urges the public to buy a ticket and get into the game for a chance at a life-changing opportunity.

"With the record-climbing jackpot, we remind players participating in Lottery pools to engage in proper group play practices, including sharing copies of the tickets with everyone involved and determining group rules before the drawing occurs. Additionally, the New Jersey Lottery promotes responsible play through its cooperation with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of NJ and by promoting the helpline 1-800-GAMBLER® phone number on all Lottery marketing and advertising material. You only need one ticket in order to have a chance to win," said Carole Hedinger, executive director, New Jersey Lottery.

Tonight's drawing will be the 19th since the roll began on October 28, 2017. With each draw, thousands of New Jersey Lottery players became winners of cash prizes. In total, more than 585,361 million New Jersey tickets were winners, giving back more than \$4,413,771 in prizes to players. The roll has created 14 \$50,000 winners, one \$100,000 winner, two \$150,000 winners, and one \$250,000 winner.

"We encourage everyone to check their tickets. There are prizes at many levels so matching just the Powerball number can claim a prize," Hedinger said. New Jersey Lottery players have one year from the draw date to claim a ticket. Players are reminded to add Power Play onto their ticket purchase for an additional dollar to multiply the prize amounts by up to five times.

Perhaps tonight's drawing will bring the jackpot home to New Jersey. The New Jersey Lottery has had seven jackpot winning tickets for six draws (two NJ tickets received a share of one jackpot) since adding Powerball in January 2010. New Jersey's most recent win was on May 7, 2016 when the Smith Family won \$429.6 million with a cash value of \$284 million. They have created the Smith Family Foundation to assist people in the Trenton area and abroad with education and other good causes.

Currently, 46 lotteries sell the Powerball game, including 44 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. Game sales remain suspended in the U.S. Virgin Islands following Hurricane Maria.

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