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## **NEW JERSEY'S MEGA MILLIONS JUMPS TO \$420 MILLION AND POWERBALL HAS SHOT UP TO \$253 MILLION**

*Get in the Games for a Chance at Big Bucks!!!!*

**TRENTON (Oct. 5, 2018)** – With the Mega Millions jackpot rolling to \$420 million for tonight's drawing and Powerball hitting \$253 million for tomorrow night's drawing, New Jersey Lottery Acting Executive Director James Carey has some advice for procrastinators who planned on waiting until the last minute to buy their tickets.

"This whopping \$420 million jackpot is the seventh largest that we've ever seen for Mega Millions making these busy days for our retailers and exciting ones for our players. Buy your tickets early and avoid what are sure to be some long lines later tonight and through tomorrow," advised Carey."

"Anything can happen in Jersey," so don't miss out on this opportunity for your chances at two big jackpots.

Playing the lottery is a form of entertainment and so players are urged to keep in mind the importance of playing responsibly!

Tonight's \$420 million Mega Millions drawing will be held at 11:00 pm. All New Jersey Lottery Mega Millions tickets must be purchased before 10:45 pm to participate in the drawing. The \$253 million Powerball drawing will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:59 pm.

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