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NEW JERSEY LOTTERY POSTS RECORD \$3.3 BILLION IN SALES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

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TRENTON (May 20, 2019) – The New Jersey Lottery posted record sales numbers last year according to the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Report released today, which is available for review on the Lottery's website: https://www.njlottery.com/en-us/aboutus/givingback/reports.html

In Fiscal Year 2018, the Lottery generated approximately \$3.3 billion in sales, compared to \$3.187 in Fiscal Year 2017. The strong sales generated a contribution to the State of approximately \$1.03 billion, the largest since 2013, which is used to support New Jersey's public employee pension system.

"The Lottery's success last year was shared by many and we awarded more than \$1.991 billion in prize money to our players and paid over \$188 million in commissions to our retailers," said Acting Executive Director James Carey.

"The Lottery had strong results in Fiscal Year 2018 and is on track to have another strong performance in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30th. The Department of Treasury recently entered into an amended service agreement with Northstar New Jersey Lottery Group, the Lottery's sales and marketing vendor, that will save the State millions of dollars over the remaining life of the contract. Between those changes and the Lottery's strong performance, we are confident that the Lottery will continue to be a key contributor to the State's improving fiscal health," added Carey.

Since its inception in 1970, the Lottery has contributed more than \$26.8 billion to the State. As its fifth largest revenue producer, the Lottery is a significant economic engine for New Jersey, helping to bolster the public employee pension system for teachers, police and fire personnel and other public employees, as well as supporting businesses and communities throughout New Jersey.

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