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LARGEST LOTTERY JACKPOT EVER IN HISTORY

Bismarck—The largest jackpot in history is now half a billion dollars. The next draw for this Mega Millions jackpot is Friday, March 30, 2012. Tickets must be purchased by 8:58 p.m. on Friday to be eligible to win. Both the annuity of \$500 million and cash option of \$359.4 million are world records.

A \$10,000 winning Mega Millions ticket was sold in Bismarck for the March 27 draw. That ticket was claimed this morning.

“We are excited about this record-breaking jackpot,” said Randy Miller, director. “The \$10,000 winner was a great start to the week and we’re hoping to end the week with more big wins for North Dakota lottery players.”

The previous record for the largest Mega Millions jackpot was \$390 million in 2007. Mega Millions was introduced into North Dakota in January 2010. For more information on Mega Millions, visit www.lottery.nd.gov.

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