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POWERBALL REACHES RECORD JACKPOT

Bismarck — The largest jackpot in history is now over three-quarters of a billion dollars. The draw for the \$800 Million Powerball jackpot is Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9:59 p.m. (CT). Tickets must be purchased by 8:58 p.m. (CT) on Saturday to be eligible to win. Both the annuity of \$800 million and cash option of \$496 million are U.S. lottery records.

“We are excited about this record-breaking jackpot,” said Randy Miller, director. “We had a \$100,000 Powerball with Power Play winner in December to end the year and we’re hoping to start the New Year with more big wins for North Dakota Lottery players.”

The previous record for the Powerball jackpot was \$590 million in 2013. The Powerball jackpot starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins. Powerball tickets cost \$2 per play and for just \$1 more add Power Play to increase non-jackpot prizes (excluding the Match 5 prize). For more information on Powerball, visit us on the web at LOTTERY.ND.GOV.

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