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LOTTERY'S 25 MILLIONTH TICKET COUNTDOWN

BISMARCK – Just a little over three years after the first lottery ticket was sold in North Dakota, the state is counting down to the twenty-five millionth ticket. The player who purchases the 25,000,000th ticket will win \$25,000 cash from the North Dakota Lottery.

“This is a great way for the Lottery to show our appreciation to North Dakota Lottery players,” said Lottery Director Chuck Keller. “One day very soon, a player buying a lottery ticket will hear Lady Luck’s voice coming from the lottery terminal saying ‘Congratulations, you are the 25 millionth ticket winner’ as the clerk hands over a ticket worth \$25,000.”

How soon the Lottery gives out the \$25,000 cash prize for the 25 millionth ticket depends on how quickly the lottery tickets are sold. All games qualify for the promotion – Powerball, Hot Lotto, 2by2 and Wild Card 2. Tickets can be purchased at any of the Lottery’s 400 retail locations.

“We don’t know where or when Lady Luck will find this lucky player – but we know it will be soon,” said Keller. The player will be issued a 25 millionth Congratulations Certificate with the lucky 25,000,000th ticket. Both will be needed in order to collect the cash.

Keller also recommends that the winning player immediately sign both the certificate and ticket, and then contact the Lottery’s office at 1-877-635-6886 to make arrangements to claim the \$25,000 prize.

Since the Lottery was launched in March 2004, players have won almost \$22 million playing the North Dakota Lottery. To learn more about this promotion and for complete rules visit the lottery’s website at www.lottery.nd.gov or contact the lottery at 701-328-1574.

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