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Mega Millions Jackpot Raised to \$1 Billion!

TOPEKA, KAN. – Players, tonight is your chance at becoming a billionaire! The Mega Millions drawing will see an estimated \$1 billion jackpot, with a cash option of \$739.6 million, for the Friday night drawing after the jackpot was raised from \$970 million on Friday morning!

This is the second largest jackpot in the history of the game and the third largest jackpot in U.S. lottery history! The Mega Millions jackpot has been on a roll since early fall when it was last hit in Wisconsin on September 15, 2020. This is the longest time Mega Millions has gone without a jackpot winner!

Mega Millions has been a lucky game in Kansas this week, with one player in South Central Kansas winning the second-tier prize of \$1 million in the Tuesday Mega Millions drawing! The numbers for the January 19 drawing are 10 - 19 - 26 - 28 - 50 Mega Ball 16 and Megaplier 2. The prize remains unclaimed!

The Kansas Lottery urges players to play responsibly and safely by maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask when purchasing tickets. The deadline to buy a Mega Millions ticket is 8:59 p.m. Central Time on draw days.

If you're able to snag a prize of \$600 or higher, you can make an appointment for an in-person claim! Please contact <u>claims.appointment@kslottery.net</u> with your name, phone number, prize amount, and preferred day and time. To see more information about the requirements of claiming a prize in person, please click <u>here</u>.

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