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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MEGA MILLIONS REACHES WORLD RECORD JACKPOT OF \$1.6 BILLION**

Bismarck — The world's largest jackpot in history is now over one and a half billion dollars. The draw for the \$1.6 Billion Mega Millions jackpot is Tuesday, October 23 at 10:00 p.m. (CT). Tickets must be purchased by 8:58 p.m. (CT) on Tuesday to be eligible to win. The estimated annuity jackpot of \$1.6 billion is a world record. The previous record for the Mega Millions jackpot was \$656 million on March 30, 2012.

"We are walking in uncharted territory with this enormous jackpot," said Randy Miller, director. "Friday night we had over 23,600 Mega Millions winners across the state totaling more than \$124,000, including five, \$1,000 Mega Millions with Megaplier winners. We're hoping for a few millionaires, maybe even a billionaire in North Dakota come Tuesday night."

The Mega Millions jackpot starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins. Mega Millions tickets cost \$2 per play and for just \$1 more add Megaplier to increase all non-jackpot prizes. For more information on Mega Millions, visit us on the web at [LOTTERY.ND.GOV](http://LOTTERY.ND.GOV).

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