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WITH POWERBALL JACKPOT AT \$205 MILLION LOTTERY REMINDS PLAYERS TO PLAY RESPONSIBLY

(Madison)— Wisconsin Lottery Director Michael Edmonds is reminding lottery players to play responsibly and within their means as tomorrow night's Powerball jackpot reaches \$205 million.

"We want to be sure everyone understands what Powerball is, and what it is not," Edmonds said. "Powerball is a fun and exciting game; Powerball is not an investment tool."

The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are 1:146,000,000. Edmonds said with those odds, a player's chances of claiming the jackpot don't go up significantly whether he spends \$10 or \$100. And in fact, Edmonds said many of Wisconsin's previous Powerball jackpot winners have spent \$5 or less on their winning tickets.

"That's one of the great things about Powerball. You don't have to spend a lot to win a lot."

Edmonds said the vast majority of Wisconsin residents play Powerball the way it's supposed to be played—for the fun of it. Still, he said when jackpots grow large the Lottery believes a reminder about playing responsibly is appropriate, especially as people unfamiliar with the game start getting more involved.

"Big Powerball jackpots are very exciting, because there's always that chance that you can be the one to win it all," said Edmonds. "It's fun to dream about having \$205 million, but this is the kind of dream you should enjoy with your eyes wide open."