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SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS MILLIONAIRE UNTIL SHE CASHED IN HER \$1,000,000 DC POWERBALL TICKET

Washington, DC—Talk about a September Surprise! Janice Gray of Washington, DC is now the newest member of the DC Lottery's Millionaires Club. Ms. Gray was the unsuspecting holder of the \$1,000,000 Powerball ticket purchased at the Capitol Hill Safeway in SE for the game played on September 14. The winning number was 10-11-23-28-31; and the Powerball number was 14. Ms. Gray's ticket matched the five winning numbers, not the Powerball number.

On September 28, Ms. Gray came to the DC Lottery's Prize Center after a clerk at Safeway suggested she visit lottery headquarters to process her ticket. "She said I'd won, but didn't say how much. I thought it was \$50, maybe \$100, or something." It was not until the ticket was verified by DC Lottery personnel that she learned she was now a millionaire! "I think I'm still in shock. It really hasn't quite sunk in yet," she smiled.

"We're excited for Ms. Gray and players who win prizes of all sizes! We can never stress enough to our players, the importance of signing the back of your tickets," says Interim Executive Director Tracey Cohen, reminding players that signing the back of the ticket declares ownership and affirms to whom prizes are paid.

Known as "America's Game," Powerball is a \$2 multi-state lottery game played twice weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

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Founded in 1982, the DC Lottery is the District of Columbia Government agency that regulates the sale of gaming products and charitable gaming activities in the District of Columbia. Since its inception, the DC Lottery has awarded more than **\$3 billion in prizes, transferred more than \$1.8 billion to the District's General Fund** which supports essential services in the District, and has helped local nonprofits raise more than **\$127 million in support of social causes**. Visit www.dclottery.com for detailed information about the DC Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board.

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