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Lottery Player Passes on \$100,000 for Chance at \$1 Million *“Replay for Riches” promotion gives Chicago resident second chance at jackpot*

CHICAGO – August 29, 2008 – What would you do: take home \$100,000, or delay receiving the six-figure payday for the chance at \$1 million? Albert Xiques, a long-time Illinois Lottery player, recently faced this tough decision after spinning the “Replay for Riches” wheel during a qualifying event at the Illinois State Fair for the Lottery’s summer promotion, which gives players a second chance at winning \$1 million. Albert decided to “go for the gold” and placed his name on the “Replay for Riches” leader board for his chance to win \$1 million at the finale event, scheduled for Sept. 27, 2008, at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

The Lottery will select one more weekly “Replay for Riches” winner from a pool of players who submit \$30 in non-winning tickets. Each of the final four out of 12 winners will attend a special qualifying event and spin the “Replay for Riches” wheel, which features prize amounts from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Each contestant must then decide whether to receive a prize check for the amount shown on the wheel or to place the amount won on the “Replay for Riches” leader board. The top six finalists on the leader board will participate in the summer promotion’s finale, where one lucky winner will go home with \$1 million and the remaining five finalists will walk away with \$100,000.

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When Albert’s spin on the wheel landed on \$100,000, the former marine decided to go for it all, giving himself the chance to walk away from the finale a new millionaire. Albert gave himself the chance to spin the wheel by sending in \$30 in non-winning tickets to enter the weekly “Replay for Riches” drawings.

All qualifying non-winning instant tickets are marked with the “Replay for Riches” logo in the upper right hand corner. Mega Millions, Lotto, Little Lotto, Pick 3, Pick 4 and Pick n’ Play tickets purchased after April 22, 2008, are also eligible. Players can view all eligible tickets—and watch videos of people describing what they would do with a chance to “replay” a moment from their lives—by logging onto www.illinoislottery.com.

About the Illinois Lottery

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery is a state agency with annual sales over \$2 billion. Since its inception, the Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the state Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the Illinois Lottery please visit our Web site at www.illinoislottery.com.

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