UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 16, 2017



BURLINGTON STORES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-36107 (Commission File Number) 80-0895227 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2006 Route 130 North
Burlington, New Jersey 08016
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(609) 387-7800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

	
Check the appi	opriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e)

Approval of Burlington Stores, Inc. Executive Severance Plan

On May 16, 2017, the Compensation Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors of Burlington Stores, Inc. (the "Company") adopted and approved the Burlington Stores, Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the "Severance Plan") for employees of the Company at the level of Senior Vice President or Executive Vice President. Each current Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President has been offered the ability to opt-in to the Severance Plan and terminate his or her existing employment agreement. All newly-hired Senior Vice Presidents or Executive Vice Presidents will be subject to the Severance Plan and will not receive an employment agreement. The Company's Principals and the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer are not eligible to participate in the Severance Plan and continue to be subject to individual employment agreements.

The Severance Plan provides for the payment of severance and other benefits in the event a participant is involuntarily terminated for cause or, within the two-year period immediately following a change in control (as defined in the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan or a successor plan thereto) voluntarily terminates employment for good reason. The definitions of "cause" and "good reason" are set forth in the Severance Plan.

A participant working in any part, unit or function of the Company or one of its subsidiaries that is divested, outsourced, closed, or relocated to a different geographic area, and who is terminated as a direct result thereof, will be eligible for benefits under the Severance Plan. However, such participant will forfeit eligibility for benefits if he or she resigns voluntarily prior to their specified termination date (other than in the case of voluntary termination for good reason within the two-year period immediately following a change in control). Severance Plan benefits will not commence or will be discontinued if comparable employment (as defined in the Severance Plan) is offered with the buyer in connection with a change in control or with the Company or one of its subsidiaries, one of the Company's shareholders, or a third-party outsourcing firm, unless the committee administering the Severance Plan determines otherwise.

In the event of a qualifying termination, the Severance Plan provides the following payments and benefits:

- A severance pay benefit equal to the participant's annual base salary on the date termination, payable for the one-year period following the date of termination;
- A pro-rata portion of the bonus (if any) the participant would have received under the Company's annual corporate incentive plan for the
 fiscal year in which termination occurs, regardless of the annual incentive plan in which the participant actually participated during such fiscal
 year;
- the bonus (if any) that would otherwise have been earned by the participant under the annual incentive plan in which the participant participated for the fiscal year prior to the year in which termination occurs assuming such participant had remained employed through the date bonuses are paid under such plan for that fiscal year;
- continuation of welfare benefits (including medical, dental, and vision coverage) while severance payments are being made. Such welfare benefits will be provided on the same terms and conditions as those which the participant was receiving immediately prior to termination (the "Subsidized Coverage"). Such coverage will count toward, and run concurrently with the participant's period of COBRA coverage; and
- outplacement assistance for 6 months.

In order to receive payments and benefits under the Severance Plan following a qualifying termination, each participant is required to (i) execute (and not revoke) a separation agreement containing, among other things, a release of claims against the Company; and (ii) comply with the restrictions set forth in the Plan, which include certain non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality covenants. In the event a participant is employed by another employer during any portion of the severance period and is eligible to receive medical, dental and vision coverage from such other employer, the participant will cease to be entitled to the continued Subsidized Coverage as of the date of his or her eligibility for benefits in such other employer's plan.

A participant's rights with respect to any benefit under the Severance Plan is subject to (i) any right that the Company may have under any Company recoupment policy or other agreement or arrangement with such executive, or (ii) any right or obligation that the Company may have regarding the clawback of "incentive-based compensation" under Section 10D of the Exchange Act and any applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The description set forth herein is a summary of the terms of the Severance Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Severance Plan, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Approval of 2013 Burlington Stores, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (as amended and restated) and Revised Forms of Grant Agreement

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Burlington Stores, Inc. (the "Company") was held on May 17, 2017 (the "Annual Meeting"). As further described below, the Company's stockholders approved the Company's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended and restated May 17, 2017 (the "Amended Plan"), at the Annual Meeting. A description of the terms and conditions of the Amended Plan is set forth in "PROPOSAL NO. 4 - APPROVAL OF THE BURLINGTON STORES, INC. 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN (AS AMENDED AND RESTATED)" in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 31, 2017 (the "Proxy Statement") and such description is incorporated herein by reference. The descriptions set forth herein and in the Proxy Statement are only summaries of the Amended Plan and are qualified in their entirety by the full text of the Amended Plan, a copy of which is included as Appendix A to the Proxy Statement and filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Company has separate forms of grant agreements pursuant to which restricted stock and non-qualified stock options are granted to employees with employment agreements and employees without employment agreements under the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (collectively, the "Form Employee Grant Agreements"). The Company also has a form of agreement pursuant to which restricted stock is granted to non-employee directors under the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Form Director Grant Agreement" and, together with the Form Employee Grant Agreements, the "Form Grant Agreements"). On May 16, 2017, the Committee approved revisions to these agreements, principally to (i) conform all forms to the Amended Plan; and (ii) allow the forms of grant agreements for employees with employment agreements to accommodate employees subject to the Executive Severance Plan. The descriptions set forth herein are only summaries of the Form Grant Agreements and are qualified in their entirety by the full text of the Form Grant Agreements, copies of which are filed as Exhibit 10.3. 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Amendment to Vecchio Employment Agreement

On May 19, 2017, Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation ("BCFWC"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an amendment (the "Amendment") to that certain Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of July 28, 2015, by and between BCFWC and Jennifer Vecchio, the Company's Chief Merchandising Officer/Principal (the "Employment Agreement").

Pursuant to the Amendment, the Employment Agreement has been modified as follows:

- in the event of termination of employment by BCFWC for cause or by Ms. Vecchio for good reason, Ms. Vecchio will receive (i) any unpaid bonus earned for the prior fiscal year but then unpaid; and (ii) the pro rata portion of executive's target bonus for the current year, to the extent targets are achieved for such year; and
- compensation received by Ms. Vecchio from a new employer or for services substantially similar to those provided to BCWFC, in either case during the one year period following termination of employment, will no longer reduce Ms. Vecchio's severance pay.

The description set forth herein is a summary of the terms of the Amendment and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Amendment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.8 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

A total of 64,646,921 shares of the Company's common stock, representing approximately 92% of the shares outstanding and eligible to vote and constituting a quorum, were voted at the Annual Meeting. The Company's stockholders voted on the following proposals at the Annual Meeting:

- the election of three directors of the Company to serve for a term of three years;
- the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered certified public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending February 3, 2018;
- an advisory vote regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; and
- the approval of the Amended Plan.

The stockholders elected all three directors presented, ratified the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered certified public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending February 3, 2018, approved the advisory vote to approve executive compensation and approved the Amended Plan.

The proposals are described in more detail in the Proxy Statement. The final voting results with respect to each proposal are set forth below.

1. Election of Directors

Name	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
Ted English	62,164,677	1,040,891	1,441,353
Jordan Hitch	58,666,018	4,539,550	1,441,353
Mary Ann Tocio	62,072,395	1,133,173	1,441,353

2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Certified Public Accounting Firm

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstained	Broker Non-Votes
63,720,820	610,756	315,345	0

3. Advisory Vote on Compensation of Named Executive Officers

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstained	Broker Non-Votes
49,261,357	13,654,857	289,354	1,441,353

4. Approval of Amended Plan

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstained	Broker Non-Votes
60,971,216	1,922,353	311,999	1,441,353

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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10.7	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement between Burlington Stores, Inc. and Independent Directors pursuant to 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended and restated May 17, 2017.
10.8	Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and between Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation and Jennifer Vecchio dated May 19, 2017.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BURLINGTON STORES, INC.

/s/ Robert L. LaPenta, Jr.

Robert L. LaPenta, Jr. Vice President and Treasurer

Date: May 22, 2017

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BURLINGTON STORES, INC. EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE PLAN

Effective May 16, 2017

BURLINGTON STORES, INC. EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE PLAN

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

This Burlington Stores, Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the "Plan") provides severance benefits to Eligible Executives upon certain terminations of employment. The Plan shall be effective May 16, 2017 (the "Effective Date").

The Plan is intended (1) to be exempt from Code section 409A, and (2) to be a welfare plan which is unfunded and is maintained by an employer for the purpose of providing benefits for a select group of management or "highly compensated employees" within the meaning of Department of Labor Regulation section 2520.104-24. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, this Plan shall be interpreted, operated and administered in a manner consistent with these intentions.

ARTICLE II DEFINED TERMS

Whenever used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Cause" means, with respect to an Eligible Executive's termination of employment, the following: (a) in the case where there is no employment agreement, consulting agreement, change in control agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the Eligible Executive (or where there is such an agreement but it does not define "cause" (or words of like import)), termination due to an Eligible Executive's insubordination, dishonesty, fraud, incompetence, moral turpitude, willful misconduct, refusal to perform the Eligible Executive's duties or responsibilities for any reason other than illness or incapacity or materially unsatisfactory performance of the Eligible Executive's duties for the Company or any of its subsidiaries, as determined by the Committee in its good faith discretion; or (b) in the case where there is an employment agreement, consulting agreement, change in control agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the Eligible Executive that defines "cause" (or words of like import), "cause" as defined under such agreement; provided, however, that with regard to any agreement under which the definition of "cause" only applies on occurrence of a change in control, such definition of "cause" shall not apply until a change in control actually takes place and then only with regard to a termination thereafter.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Committee" shall mean the health and welfare benefits committee of the Company (or its successor), or such other body as the Compensation Committee may designate from time to time.

"Company" shall mean Burlington Stores, Inc.

"Compensation Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (or its successor).

"Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.

"Eligible Executive" shall have the meaning set forth in Article III.

"ERISA" shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"Good Reason" means the occurrence of any of the following events without the written consent of the Eligible Executive: (i) a material diminution of the Eligible Executive's duties or the assignment to the Eligible Executive of duties that are inconsistent in any substantial respect with the position, authority or responsibilities associated with the Eligible Executive's position, other than any such authorities, duties or responsibilities assigned at any time which are by their nature, or which are identified at the time of assignment, as being temporary or short-term; (ii) the Company's or a subsidiary's (as applicable) requiring the Eligible Executive to be based at a location which is fifty (50) or more miles from the Eligible Executive's principal office location on the date the Eligible Executive commences employment; or (iii) a material diminution of the Eligible Executive's annual compensation; provided, however, no condition enumerated in the preceding shall be deemed to be "Good Reason" unless within thirty (30) days of the initial existence of such condition, the Eligible Executive shall have given the Company written notice thereof specifically describing the condition giving rise to "Good Reason" and allowing the Company or its subsidiary (as applicable) a period of at least thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the notice to remedy such condition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will a condition give rise to "Good Reason" hereunder unless within ten (10) days after the expiration of the period provided in the Eligible Executive's notice for the Company or subsidiary (as applicable) to remedy said condition but in no event later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after initial existence of said condition, the Eligible Executive shall have actually terminated his or her employment with the Company or subsidiary by giving written notice of resignation for failure of the Company or subsidiary (as applicable) to remedy such condition.

"Plan" shall mean this Burlington Stores, Inc. Executive Severance Plan, as amended from time to time.

"Termination of Employment" shall mean an individual's termination of employment with the Company and all of its subsidiaries and affiliates, and to the extent Code section 409A applies to an Eligible Executive's severance pay benefits, as described in Section 4.2, "Termination of Employment" means a "separation from service" within the meaning of Code section 409A.

ARTICLE III ELIGIBILITY

An employee (other than the Company's Chief Executive Officer) whose position is Senior Vice President or Executive Vice President of the Company or one of its subsidiaries, including without limitation, Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation and Burlington Merchandising Corporation, who (i) is hired on or after the Effective Date or (ii) elects in writing on a form, as determined by the Committee, to participate in the Plan in lieu of his or her rights under any effective employment agreement, will be eligible for participation in the Plan and considered an "Eligible Executive."

In the event an otherwise Eligible Executive is covered by an authorized individual written employment, noncompetition or severance agreement that provides for the payment of severance pay or other termination or post-termination pay, whether in the form of weeks or months of pay or a flat dollar amount, the terms of such other arrangement shall be honored in terms of the time, form and amount of pay, but such other pay (of whatever nature) shall not be duplicative of severance pay under this Plan. In such event, no such duplicate payment shall be made from this Plan. In the event this Plan provides severance pay in excess of the amount payable under such other arrangement (or provides for severance benefits not available under such other arrangement, such as subsidized COBRA continuation benefits), then only the additional severance pay (or benefits) shall be made under the Plan in accordance with the payment schedule otherwise set forth under this Plan.

ARTICLE IV SEVERANCE BENEFITS

4.1 Entitlement to Benefits

An Eligible Executive who (a) is involuntarily terminated without Cause or within the two-year period immediately following a "Change in Control" (as defined in the Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan or a successor plan thereto) voluntarily terminates for Good Reason, (b) has not breached as of the date of the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment any covenant or restriction set forth in Section 4.8, and (c) signs and does not revoke a separation agreement in accordance with the timeframe established by the Committee, will be entitled to receive benefits under this Article IV; provided that all such steps must be completed within 60 days of the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment. Such separation agreement shall contain a release of claims against the Company and its subsidiaries and such restrictive covenants (e.g., non-competition, non-solicitation, and non-disparagement covenants) and provisions as the Committee determines appropriate in its sole discretion, including without limitation, the covenants and restrictions set forth in Section 4.8. Such separation agreement shall also provide that the benefits under this Article IV shall terminate upon the occurrence of a breach by the Eligible Executive of any restrictive covenant set forth in Section 4.8.

An Eligible Executive working in any part, unit or function of the Company or one of its subsidiaries that is divested, outsourced, closed, or relocated to a different geographic area (as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion), and who is terminated by the Company or one of its subsidiaries as a direct result thereof, will be eligible for benefits under the Plan. However, such an Eligible Executive will forfeit eligibility for benefits if he or she resigns voluntarily prior to the Termination of Employment date specified for them (other than as provided above in the case of voluntary termination by an Eligible Executive for Good Reason within the two-year period immediately following a Change in Control). Further, Plan benefits will not commence or will be discontinued if comparable employment is offered with the buyer in connection with a Change in Control or with the Company or one of its subsidiaries, one of the Company's shareholders, or a third-party outsourcing firm, unless the Committee, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. For this purpose, "comparable employment" means a position with comparable compensation and responsibility (i.e., does not result in a material diminution of the Eligible Executive's annual compensation) and within 50 miles of the Eligible Executive's primary place of employment with the Company or one of its subsidiaries prior to the relevant transaction.

4.2 <u>Severance Pay Benefits</u>

Severance pay benefits shall begin only after satisfaction of the requirements in Section 4.1. An Eligible Executive entitled to benefits under this Article IV will receive a severance pay benefit equal to the Eligible Executive's annual base salary on the date of his Termination of Employment, and such severance pay benefit shall accrue and be payable for the one-year period following the date of his or her Termination of Employment. The severance pay benefit will be paid net of applicable tax withholding on the Company's normal payroll cycle and shall commence 60 days after the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment. Any payments that accrue and are otherwise payable under this Section 4.2 prior to commencing payments shall be accumulated and paid in a lump sum as soon as practicable after such requirements are satisfied.

4.3 Bonus

An Eligible Executive entitled to severance pay benefits under Section 4.1 will be eligible for an additional payment equal to a "pro-rata" portion of the bonus he or she would have received under the Company's Annual Incentive Plan – Corporate (the "Corporate Plan") for the fiscal year in which his or her Termination of Employment occurred. For purposes of this Section 4.3, the pro-rata bonus (if any) will be based on the payout formula under the Corporate Plan, regardless of the annual incentive plan in which the Eligible Executive actually participated during such fiscal year, and shall be equal to (i) the bonus amount the Eligible Executive would have been entitled to receive under the Corporate Plan for that fiscal year, assuming the Eligible Executive had been employed through the date bonuses are paid under such plan for that year, and otherwise calculated under the terms of such plan based on the Company's actual performance for that fiscal year; multiplied by (ii) the fraction the numerator of which is the actual number of days employed during the fiscal year prior to the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment divided by the number of days in such fiscal year (the "Pro-rata Bonus"). The Pro-rata Bonus contemplated by this Section 4.3 will be paid in a lump sum when the annual bonuses are paid to active employees under the terms of the Corporate Plan.

To the extent unpaid as of the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment, an Eligible Executive entitled to severance pay benefits under Section 4.1 will also be entitled to receive the bonus (if any) that would otherwise have been earned by the Eligible Executive under the annual incentive plan of the Company or one of its subsidiaries in which the Eligible Executive participated for the fiscal year prior to the year of his or her Termination of Employment assuming he or she had remained employed through the date bonuses are paid under such plan for that fiscal year. Such bonus (if any) will be paid in a lump sum when the annual bonuses are paid to active employees under the terms of the applicable annual incentive plan.

4.4 **Death Benefits**

If an Eligible Executive is entitled to severance pay benefits under Sections 4.2 and 4.3 and dies before receiving such amounts, the remaining portion will be paid to the Eligible Executive's spouse, or, if the Eligible Executive is not married at the time of death, the remainder of the benefits will be paid to the Eligible Executive's estate.

4.5 Other Benefits

An Eligible Executive entitled to benefits under the Plan will receive continued welfare benefits (including medical, dental, and vision coverage) while severance payments are being made. Such welfare benefits will be provided on the same terms and conditions, including contributions required of the Eligible Executive for such benefits, as those which the Eligible Executive was receiving immediately prior to his or her Termination of Employment (the "Subsidized Coverage"). Such coverage will count toward, and run concurrently with the Eligible Executive's period of COBRA coverage. Accordingly, the Eligible Executive shall be receiving COBRA continuation coverage effectively at the active employee premium contribution rate in effect at the time of the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment. In addition, the Committee will provide an Eligible Executive entitled to benefits under the Plan with outplacement assistance for 6 months.

4.6 <u>Effect of Future Employment</u>

An Eligible Executive who becomes employed by another employer during any portion of the severance period is required to notify the Company of such employment within 10 business days. The amount of an Eligible Executive's severance pay shall not be decreased by any compensation received from another employer during the severance period. In the event an Eligible Executive is employed by another employer during any portion of the severance period and is eligible to receive medical, dental and vision coverage from such other employer, the Eligible Executive will cease to be entitled to the continued Subsidized Coverage as provided in Section 4.5 of this Plan as of the date of his or her eligibility for benefits in such other employer's plan. All benefits under the Plan will cease if an Eligible Executive becomes re-employed by the Company.

4.7 <u>Section 409A Restrictions</u>

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, in the event any benefit paid to a participant under the Plan constitutes "deferred compensation" for purposes of Code section 409A, all payments to such Eligible Executive shall be paid as provided in this Section 4.7. Code section 409A places certain restrictions on when severance pay benefits may be distributed if the Eligible Executive is considered a "specified employee" under Code section 409A (generally, "specified employees" are the 50 highest-paid U.S. employees of the Company in a given year) and the severance pay benefits are considered "deferred compensation" under Code section 409A. Not all severance pay under this Plan, however, is considered deferred compensation for these purposes.

(a) Any payments provided under the Plan on or before the 15th day of the third month following the later of: (i) the last day of the calendar year or (ii) the last day of the Company's fiscal year, containing the date of the Eligible Executive's "separation from service" (as defined by Section 409A) (the "Short-Term Deferral Period"), will be treated as a short-term deferral under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(b)(4) and not deferred compensation under Code section 409A.

- (b) If any payments are provided to an Eligible Executive under the Plan after the last day of the Short-Term Deferral Period, then to the extent the total of such payments does not exceed the limit provided under the Code section 409A exemption for involuntary separation pay, such payments will be considered separation pay due to involuntary separation from service under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) and not deferred compensation under Code section 409A.
- (c) If the Eligible Executive is entitled to additional payments under the Plan that are not described in subsections (a) or (b) above, and the Eligible Executive is considered a "specified employee" under Code section 409A (as applied according to Company procedures), such payments will not be made until the earlier of (a) the first day of the seventh month following the date of the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment, or (b) the Eligible Executive's death. Any delayed payments will be paid in the aggregate in a lump sum, without interest, on the first day of the seventh month following the date of the Eligible Executive's Termination of Employment.
- (d) For purposes of Code section 409A, each "payment" (as defined by Code section 409A) made under this Plan is considered a "separate payment."

4.8 <u>Covenants, Restrictions and Recoupment</u>

(a) <u>Non-Compete, Non-Solicitation</u>.

Eligible Executive acknowledges and agrees that during the course of Eligible Executive's employment (i) with the Company and its subsidiaries Eligible Executive shall become familiar with the Company's trade secrets and with other confidential information and that Eligible Executive's services have been and shall be of special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and its subsidiaries, and therefore, Eligible Executive agrees that, during his or her employment with the Company and for a period of one year thereafter (the "Non-Compete Period"), Eligible Executive shall not directly or indirectly (whether as an owner, partner, shareholder, agent, officer, director, employee, independent contractor, consultant or otherwise) own any interest in, operate, invest in, manage, control, participate in, consult with, render services for (alone or in association with any person or entity), in any manner engage in any business activity on behalf of a Competing Business within any geographical area in which the Company or its subsidiaries operates or plan to operate. Nothing herein shall prohibit Eligible Executive from being a passive owner of not more than 2% of the outstanding stock of any class of a corporation which is publicly traded, so long as Eligible Executive has no active participation in the business of such corporation. For purposes of this paragraph, "Competing Business" means each of the following entities, together with their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns: Macy's, Inc., the TJX Companies, Inc. and Ross Stores, Inc.

(ii) During the Non-Compete Period, Eligible Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, and shall ensure that any person or entity controlled by Eligible Executive does not, (i) induce or attempt to induce any employee of the Company or any subsidiary to leave the employ of the Company or such subsidiary, or in any way interfere with the relationship between the Company or any subsidiary and any employee thereof, (ii) hire, directly or through another person, any person (whether or not solicited) who was an executive of the Company or any subsidiary at any time within the one year period before Eligible Executive's termination from employment, (iii) induce or attempt to induce any customer, supplier, licensee, licensor, franchisee or other business relation of the Company or any subsidiary to cease doing business with the Company or such subsidiary, engage in or assist any person or entity in engaging in any Competing Business or in any way interfere with the relationship between any such customer, supplier, licensee, or business relation and the Company or any subsidiary (Eligible Executive understands that any person or entity that Eligible Executive contacted during the one year period prior to the date of Eligible Executive's termination of employment for the purpose of soliciting sales from such person or entity shall be regarded as a "potential customer" of the Company and its subsidiaries as to whom the Company has a protectible proprietary interest) or (iv) make or solicit or encourage others to make or solicit directly or indirectly any defamatory statement or communication about the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, products, services or activities (it being understood that such restriction shall not prohibit truthful testimony compelled by valid legal process).

(b) <u>Confidential Information</u>.

Eligible Executive acknowledges and agrees that the information, observations and data (including trade secrets) obtained by Eligible Executive while employed by the Company and its subsidiaries concerning the business or affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries are the confidential information ("Confidential Information"), and the property, of the Company and/or its subsidiaries. Without limiting the foregoing, the term "Confidential Information" shall be interpreted as broadly as possible to include all observations, data and other information of any sort that are (i) related to any past, current or potential business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective predecessors, and any other business related to any of the foregoing, and (ii) not generally known to and available for use by those within the line of business or industry of the Company or by the public (except to the extent such information has become generally known to and available for use by the public as a direct or indirect result of Eligible Executive's acts or omissions) including all (A) Work Product (as defined below); (B) information concerning development, acquisition or investment opportunities in or reasonably related to the business or industry of the Company or any of its subsidiaries of which Eligible Executive is aware or becomes aware during the term of his or her employment; (C)

information identifying or otherwise concerning any current, former or prospective suppliers, distributors, contractors, agents or customers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (D) development, transition, integration and transformation plans, methodologies, processes and methods of doing business; (E) strategic, marketing, promotional and financial information (including all financial statements), business and expansion plans, including plans and information regarding planned, projected and/or potential sales, pricing, discount and cost information; (F) information identifying or otherwise concerning employees, independent contractors and consultants; (G) information on new and existing programs and services, prices, terms, and related information; (H) the terms of this Plan; (I) all information marked, or otherwise designated, as confidential by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or which Eligible Executive should reasonably know is confidential or proprietary information of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (J) all information or materials similar or related to any of the foregoing, in whatever form or medium, whether now existing or arising hereafter (and regardless of whether merely stored in the mind of Eligible Executive or employees or consultants of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or embodied in a tangible form or medium); and (K) all tangible embodiments of any of the foregoing.

(ii) Therefore, Eligible Executive agrees that, except as otherwise set forth in Section 4.8(e) or as required by law or court order, including, without limitation, depositions, interrogatories, court testimony, and the like (and in such case provided that Executive must give the Company and/or its subsidiaries, as applicable, prompt written notice of any such legal requirement, disclose no more information than is so required and seek, at the Company's sole cost and expense, confidential treatment where available and cooperate fully with all efforts by the Company and/or its subsidiaries to obtain a protective order or similar confidentiality treatment for such information), Executive shall not disclose to any unauthorized person or entity or use for Executive's own purposes any Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Company, unless and to the extent that the Confidential Information becomes generally known to and available for use by the public other than as a direct or indirect result of Executive's acts or omissions. Executive shall deliver to the Company at the termination or expiration of the Employment Period, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records, reports, computer tapes, printouts and software and other documents and data (and copies thereof) embodying or relating to the Confidential Information (including any Work Product (as defined below)) or the business of the Company and its subsidiaries which Executive may then possess or have under Executive's control and if, at any time thereafter, any such materials are brought to Executive's attention or Executive discovers them in his possession or control, Executive shall deliver such materials to the Company immediately upon such notice or discovery.

Intellectual Property, Inventions and Patents. Eligible Executive acknowledges and agrees that all discoveries, concepts, ideas, inventions, innovations, improvements, developments, methods, specifications, designs, analyses, drawings, reports, patents and patent applications, processes, programs, systems, software, firmware, materials, plans, sketches, models, know-how, devices, developments, data, databases, technology, trade secrets, works of authorship, copyrightable works and mask works (whether or not including any confidential information) and all registrations or applications related thereto, all other intellectual property or proprietary information and all similar or related information (whether or not patentable or copyrightable and whether or not reduced to tangible form or practice) which relate to the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' actual or anticipated business, research and development or existing or future products or services and which are conceived, developed or made by Eligible Executive (whether alone or jointly with others) while employed by the Company or its predecessors and its subsidiaries ("Work Product") shall be deemed to be "work made for hire" (as defined in the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C.A. §101 et seq., as amended) and owned exclusively by the Company. To the extent that any Work Product is not deemed to be "work made for hire" under applicable law, and all right, title and interest in and to such Work Product have not automatically vested in the Company, Eligible Executive hereby (A) irrevocably assigns, transfers and conveys, and shall assign transfer and convey, to the full extent permitted by applicable law, all right, title and interest in and to the Work Product on a worldwide basis to the Company (or such other person or entity as the Company shall designate), without further consideration, and (B) waives all moral rights in or to all Work Product, and to the extent such rights may not be waived, agrees not to assert such rights against the Company or its respective licensees, successors or assigns. Eligible Executive shall, at the Company's expense, execute all documents and perform all actions reasonably requested by the Company (whether during or after the employment period) to establish, confirm, evidence, effectuate, maintain, protect, enforce, perfect, record, patent or register any of the Company's rights hereunder (including, without limitation, assignments, consents, powers of attorney and other instruments).

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- (d) 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) states: "An individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that—(A) is made—(i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal." Accordingly, the Eligible Executive has the right to disclose in confidence trade secrets to Federal, State, and local government officials, or to an attorney, for the sole purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law. The Eligible Executive also has the right to disclose trade secrets in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, but only if the filing is made under seal and protected from public disclosure. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b).
- (e) Eligible Executive understands that nothing contained in this Plan limits Eligible Executive's ability to file a charge or complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other federal, state or local governmental agency or commission ("Government Agencies"). Eligible Executive further understands that this Plan does not limit Eligible Executive's ability to communicate with any

Government Agencies or otherwise participate in any investigation or proceeding that may be conducted by any Government Agency, including providing documents or other information, without notice to the Company. This Plan does not limit Eligible Executive's right to receive an award for information provided to any Government Agencies.

(f) <u>Clawback</u>. An Eligible Executive's rights with respect to any benefit hereunder shall in all events be subject to (i) any right that the Company may have under any Company recoupment policy or other agreement or arrangement with a participant, or (ii) any right or obligation that the Company may have regarding the clawback of "incentive-based compensation" under Section 10D of the Exchange Act and any applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

5.1 **General Administration**

The Committee shall be responsible for the operation and administration of the Plan and for carrying out the provisions hereof. The Committee shall have the full authority and discretion to make, amend, interpret, and enforce all appropriate rules and regulations for the administration of this Plan and decide or resolve any and all questions, including interpretations of this Plan, as may arise in connection with this Plan. Any such action taken by the Committee shall be final and conclusive on any party. To the extent the Committee has been granted discretionary authority under the Plan, the Committee's prior exercise of such authority shall not obligate it to exercise its authority in a like fashion thereafter. The Committee shall be entitled to rely conclusively upon all tables, valuations, certificates, opinions and reports furnished by any actuary, accountant, controller, counsel or other person employed or engaged by the Company with respect to the Plan. The Committee may, from time to time, employ agents and delegate to such agents, including employees of the Company, such administrative or other duties as it sees fit.

5.2 Claims for Benefits

- (a) <u>Filing a Claim</u>. An Eligible Executive or his authorized representative may file a claim for benefits under the Plan. Any claim must be in writing and submitted to the Company's Executive Vice President Human Resources at the Company's corporate headquarters office. Claimants will be notified in writing of approved claims, which will be processed as claimed. A claim is considered approved only if its approval is communicated in writing to a claimant.
- (b) <u>Denial of Claim</u>. In the case of the denial of a claim respecting benefits paid or payable with respect to an Eligible Executive, a written notice will be furnished to the claimant within 90 days of the date on which the claim is received by the Company's Executive Vice President Human Resources. If special circumstances (such as for a hearing) require a longer period, the claimant will be notified in writing, prior to the expiration of the 90-day period, of the reasons for an extension of time; provided, however, that no extensions will be permitted beyond 90 days after the expiration of the initial 90-day period.
- (c) Reasons for Denial. A denial or partial denial of a claim will be dated and will clearly set forth:

- (i) the specific reason or reasons for the denial;
- (ii) specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based;
- (iii) a description of any additional material or information necessary for the claimant to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; and
- (iv) an explanation of the procedure for review of the denied or partially denied claim set forth below, including the claimant's right to bring a legal action under ERISA section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination on review, including an action for binding arbitration under Section 7.3.
- (d) Review of Denial. Upon denial of a claim, in whole or in part, a claimant or his duly authorized representative will have the right to submit a written request to the Committee for a full and fair review of the denied claim by filing a written notice of appeal with the Committee within 60 days of the receipt by the claimant of written notice of the denial of the claim. A claimant or the claimant's authorized representative will have, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits and may submit issues and comments in writing. The review will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

If the claimant fails to file a request for review within 60 days of the denial notification, the claim will be deemed abandoned and the claimant precluded from reasserting it. If the claimant does file a request for review, his request must include a description of the issues and evidence he deems relevant. Failure to raise issues or present evidence on review will preclude those issues or evidence from being presented in any subsequent proceeding or review of the claim.

- (e) <u>Decision Upon Review</u>. The Committee will provide a prompt written decision on review. If the claim is denied on review, the decision shall set forth:
 - (i) the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination;
 - (ii) specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the adverse determination is based;
 - (iii) a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits;
 - (iv) a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan and the claimant's right to obtain the information about such procedures, as well as a statement of the claimant's right to bring a legal action under ERISA section 502(a), including an action for binding arbitration under Section 7.3.

A decision will be rendered no more than 60 days after the Committee's receipt of the request for review, except that such period may be extended for an additional 60 days if the Committee determines that special circumstances (such as for a hearing) require such extension. If an extension of time is required, written notice of the extension will be furnished to the claimant before the end of the initial 60-day period.

(f) <u>Limitations Period</u>. Any legal action initiated by a claimant under the Plan must be brought by the claimant no later than one year following a final decision on the claim for benefits by the Committee. The one-year limitation on legal action for benefits will apply in any forum where a claimant initiates such legal action.

5.3 **Indemnification**

To the extent not covered by insurance, the Company shall indemnify the Committee, each employee, officer, director, and agent of the Company, and all persons formerly serving in such capacities, against any and all liabilities or expenses, including all legal fees relating thereto, arising in connection with the exercise of their duties and responsibilities with respect to the Plan, provided however that the Company shall not indemnify any person for liabilities or expenses due to that person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

ARTICLE VI TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT OF PLAN

6.1 Termination of Plan

The Company's Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee may terminate the Plan at any time, without prior notice. Upon termination of the Plan, except with respect to benefits due resulting from a Termination of Employment prior to such Plan termination, all rights to benefits hereunder, if any, shall cease. Any separation agreement executed by an Eligible Executive under Section 4.1 shall survive the Plan's termination.

6.2 <u>Amendment of Plan</u>

The severance benefits provided for in the Plan are not vested benefits. Accordingly, the Company reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion, to amend or modify the Plan at any time, in whole or in part, including any or all of the provisions of the Plan, by action of its Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, without prior notice.

Successors to the Company

The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise) of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to expressly assume and agree to perform the Company's obligations under this Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform them if such succession had not taken place.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 <u>Funding</u>

The benefits provided herein shall be funded by the Company's general assets. The Plan shall constitute an unfunded mechanism for the Company to pay Plan benefits to Eligible Executives determined to be entitled to payments hereunder. No fund or trust is created with respect to the Plan, and no Eligible Executive shall have any security or other interest in the assets of the Company.

7.2 No Contract of Employment

The Plan does not constitute or imply the existence of an employment contract between the Company or any affiliate and any Eligible Executive. Employment with the Company is "at will," unless an employment contract in fact exists.

7.3 Governing Law and Forum Selection

To the extent not governed by federal law, the Plan shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Delaware notwithstanding any conflict of law principles. Eligible Executive agrees that any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or related to this Plan, including the validity of this arbitration clause, or any breach of this Plan shall be submitted to and decided by binding arbitration. Arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association's Employment Arbitration Rules then in effect, as modified by the Company's Early Dispute Resolution Program Rules and Procedures (STEPS) then in effect. Any arbitral award determination shall be final and binding upon the parties and may be entered as a judgment in a court of competent jurisdiction.

7.4 <u>Severability</u>

In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held invalid or illegal for any reason, any illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, but the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had never been inserted.

7.5 <u>Words and Headings</u>

Words in the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, unless qualified by the context. Any headings used herein are included for ease of reference only, and are not to be construed so as to alter the terms hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Burlington Stores, Inc. has caused this Plan to be executed by its duly authorized officer this 16th day of May, 2017.

BURLINGTON STORES, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Joyce Manning Magrini</u> Name: Joyce Manning Magrini

Title: Executive Vice President – Human Resources

BURLINGTON STORES, INC.

2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

(as amended and restated effective May 17, 2017)

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of this **BURLINGTON STORES, INC.** 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan is to enhance the profitability and value of the Company for the benefit of its stockholders by enabling the Company to offer Eligible Individuals cash and stock-based incentives in order to attract, retain and reward such individuals and strengthen the mutuality of interests between such individuals and the Company's stockholders. The Plan is effective as of the date set forth in Article XV.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 2.1 "Affiliate" means each of the following: (a) any Subsidiary; (b) any Parent; (c) any corporation, trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which is directly or indirectly controlled 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) by the Company or one of its Affiliates; (d) any trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which directly or indirectly controls 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) of the Company; and (e) any other entity in which the Company or any of its Affiliates has a material equity interest and which is designated as an "Affiliate" by resolution of the Committee; provided that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Common Stock subject to any Award constitutes "service recipient stock" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code or otherwise does not subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code.
- **2.2 "Award"** means any award under the Plan of any Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Performance Award, Other Stock-Based Award or Other Cash-Based Award. All Awards shall be granted by, confirmed by, and subject to the terms of, a written agreement executed by the Company and the Participant.
 - 2.3 "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic agreement setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to an Award.
 - **2.4** "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2.5 "Cause" means, unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, with respect to a Participant's Termination of Employment or Termination of Consultancy, the following: (a) in the case where there is no employment agreement, consulting agreement, change in control agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Company or an Affiliate and the Participant at the time of the grant of the Award (or where there is such an agreement but it does not define "cause" (or words of like import)), termination due to a Participant's insubordination, dishonesty, fraud, incompetence, moral turpitude, willful misconduct, refusal to perform the Participant's duties or responsibilities for any reason other than illness or incapacity or materially unsatisfactory performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or an Affiliate, as determined by the Committee in its good faith discretion; or (b) in the case where there is an employment agreement, consulting agreement, change in control agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Company or an Affiliate and the Participant at the time of the grant of the Award that defines "cause" (or words of like import), "cause" as defined

under such agreement; provided, however, that with regard to any agreement under which the definition of "cause" only applies on occurrence of a change in control, such definition of "cause" shall not apply until a change in control actually takes place and then only with regard to a termination thereafter. With respect to a Participant's

Termination of Directorship, "cause" means an act or failure to act that constitutes cause for removal of a director under applicable Delaware law.

- **2.6 "Change in Control"** has the meaning set forth in Section 11.2.
- **2.7** "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to any section of the Code shall also be a reference to any successor provision and any treasury regulation promulgated thereunder.
- **2.8** "Committee" means any committee of the Board duly authorized by the Board to administer the Plan. If no committee is duly authorized by the Board to administer the Plan, the term "Committee" shall be deemed to refer to the Board for all purposes under the Plan.
 - **2.9** "Common Stock" means the common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, of the Company.
- **2.10 "Company"** means Burlington Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors by operation of law.
 - **2.11 "Consultant"** means any natural person who is an advisor or consultant to the Company or its Affiliates.
 - **2.12** "<u>Disability</u>" means Participant's inability to perform the essential duties, responsibilities and functions of Participant's position with the Company and its Subsidiaries for a continuous period of 180 days as a result of any mental or physical disability or incapacity, as determined under the definition of disability in the Company's long- term disability plan so as to qualify Participant for benefits under the terms of that plan or as determined by an independent physician to the extent no such plan is then in effect. Participant shall cooperate in all respects with the Company if a question arises as to whether Participant has become disabled (including, without limitation, submitting to an examination by a medical doctor or other health care specialist selected by the Company and authorizing such medical doctor or such other health care specialist to discuss Participant's condition with the Company). Notwithstanding the foregoing, for Awards that are subject to Section 409A of the Code, Disability shall mean that a Participant is disabled under Section 409A(a)(2)(C)(i) or (ii) of the Code.
 - **2.13** "Effective Date" means the effective date of the Plan as defined in Article XV.
 - **2.14 "Eligible Employees"** means each employee of the Company or an Affiliate.
 - **2.15** "Eligible Individual" means an Eligible Employee, Non-Employee Director or Consultant who is designated by the Committee in its discretion as eligible to receive Awards subject to the conditions set forth herein.
 - **2.16 "Exchange Act"** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Exchange Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
 - **2.17** "Fair Market Value" means, for purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise required by any applicable provision of the Code or any regulations issued thereunder, as of any date and except as provided below, the closing price reported for the Common Stock on the applicable date: (a) as reported on the principal national securities exchange in the United States on which it is then traded or (b) if the Common Stock is not traded, listed or otherwise reported or quoted, the Committee shall determine in good faith the Fair Market Value in whatever manner it considers appropriate taking into account the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. For purposes of the grant of any Award, the applicable date shall be the trading day on which the Award is granted. For purposes of the exercise of any Award, the applicable date shall be the date a notice of exercise is received by the Committee or, if not a day on which the applicable market is open, the next day that it is open.

- 2.18 "Family Member" means "family member" as defined in Section A.1.(a)(5) of the general instructions of Form S-8.
- **2.19 "Incentive Stock Option"** means any Stock Option awarded to an Eligible Employee of the Company, its Subsidiaries and its Parents (if any) under the Plan intended to be and designated as an "Incentive Stock Option" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.
 - **2.20 "Limited Stock Appreciation Right"** has the meaning set forth in Section 7.5.
 - **2.21 "Minimum Vesting Requirement"** has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(d).
- **2.22 "Non-Employee Director"** means a director or a member of the Board of the Company or any Affiliate who is not an active employee of the Company or any Affiliate.
- **2.23** "Non-Qualified Stock Option" means any Stock Option awarded under the Plan that is not an Incentive Stock Option.
- **2.24** "Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean the right to receive an amount in cash and/or stock equal to the difference between (x) the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date such right is exercised, and (y) the aggregate exercise price of such right, otherwise than on surrender of a Stock Option.
- **2.25** "Other Cash-Based Award" means an Award granted pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan and payable in cash at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
 - **2.26** "Other Extraordinary Event" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(b).
- **2.27** "Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award under Article X of the Plan that is valued in whole or in part by reference to, or is payable in or otherwise based on, Common Stock, including, without limitation, an Award valued by reference to an Affiliate.
- **2.28 "Parent"** means any parent corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(e) of the Code.
 - 2.29 "Participant" means an Eligible Individual to whom an Award has been granted pursuant to the Plan.
 - **2.30 "Performance Award"** means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Article IX hereof contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals.
 - **2.31 "Performance Goals"** means goals established by the Committee as contingencies for Awards to vest and/or become exercisable or distributable based on one or more of the performance goals set forth in $\underline{\text{Exhibit}}$ $\underline{\textbf{A}}$ hereto.
 - **2.32 "Performance Period"** means the designated period during which the Performance Goals must be satisfied with respect to the Award to which the Performance Goals relate.
 - **2.33 "Plan"** means this Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.
 - **2.34** "Proceeding" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.8.
 - 2.35 "Reference Stock Option" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.1.
 - 2.36 "Restricted Stock" means an Award of shares of Common Stock under the Plan that is subject to restrictions under Article VIII.

- **2.37 "Restricted Stock Unit"** means an Award of hypothetical units of Common Stock under the Plan that is subject to restrictions under Article VIII, whereby the Participant has the right to receive a payment in cash or in shares based on the Fair Market Value of the number of hypothetical units of Common Stock described in the Award.
 - **2.38 "Rule 16b-3"** means Rule 16b-3 under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act as then in effect or any successor provision.
 - **2.39 "Section 4.2 Event"** has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(b).
 - **2.40 "Section 162(m) of the Code"** means Section 162(m) of the Code and any applicable treasury regulations thereunder.
- **2.41 "Section 409A of the Code"** means the nonqualified deferred compensation rules under Section 409A of the Code and any applicable treasury regulations and other official guidance thereunder.
- **2.42 "Securities Act**" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Reference to a specific section of the Securities Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
 - 2.43 "Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean the right pursuant to an Award granted under Article VII.
- **2.44 "Stock Option"** or "**Option"** means any option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted to Eligible Individuals pursuant to Article VI.
 - **2.45** "Subsidiary" means any subsidiary corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code.
- **2.46** "<u>Tandem Stock Appreciation Right</u>" shall mean the right to surrender to the Company all (or a portion) of a Stock Option in exchange for an amount in cash and/or stock equal to the difference between (i) the Fair Market Value on the date such Stock Option (or such portion thereof) is surrendered, of the Common Stock covered by such Stock Option (or such portion thereof), and (ii) the aggregate exercise price of such Stock Option (or such portion thereof).
- **2.47** "<u>Ten Percent Stockholder</u>" means a person owning stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, its Subsidiaries or its Parent.
- **2.48** "Termination" means a Termination of Consultancy, Termination of Directorship or Termination of Employment, as applicable.
- **2.49** "Termination of Consultancy." means: (a) that the Consultant is no longer acting as a consultant to the Company or an Affiliate; or (b) when an entity which is retaining a Participant as a Consultant ceases to be an Affiliate unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, a Consultant to the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that a Consultant becomes an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of such Consultant's consultancy, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Consultancy shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Consultant is no longer a Consultant, an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy in the Award Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Consultancy" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.
- **2.50 "**<u>Termination of Directorship</u>" means that the Non-Employee Director has ceased to be a director of the Company; except that if a Non-Employee Director becomes an Eligible Employee or a Consultant upon the

termination of such Non-Employee Director's directorship, such Non-Employee Director's ceasing to be a director of the Company shall not be treated as a Termination of Directorship unless and until the Participant has a Termination of Employment or Termination of Consultancy, as the case may be.

- **2.51 "Termination of Employment"** means: (a) a termination of employment (for reasons other than a military or personal leave of absence granted by the Company) of a Participant from the Company and its Affiliates; or (b) when an entity which is employing a Participant ceases to be an Affiliate, unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, employed by the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that an Eligible Employee becomes a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of such Eligible Employee's employment, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Employment shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Eligible Employee is no longer an Eligible Employee, a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Employment in the Award Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Employment thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Employment" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.
- **2.52 "Transfer"** means: (a) when used as a noun, any direct or indirect transfer, sale, assignment, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance or other disposition (including the issuance of equity in any entity), whether for value or no value and whether voluntary or involuntary (including by operation of law), and (b) when used as a verb, to directly or indirectly transfer, sell, assign, pledge, encumber, charge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of (including the issuance of equity in any entity) whether for value or for no value and whether voluntarily or involuntarily (including by operation of law). "Transferred" and "Transferable" shall have a correlative meaning.

ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATION

- **3.1** The Committee. The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the Committee. To the extent required by applicable law, rule or regulation, it is intended that each member of the Committee may from time to time qualify as (a) a "non-employee director" under Rule 16b-3, (b) an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Code and (c) an "independent director" under the rules of any national securities exchange or national securities association, as applicable. If it is later determined that one or more members of the Committee do not so qualify, actions taken by the Committee prior to such determination shall be valid despite such failure to qualify.
- 3.2 <u>Grants of Awards</u>. The Committee shall have full authority to grant, pursuant to the terms of the Plan, to Eligible Individuals: (i) Stock Options (provided that an Incentive Stock Option may only be granted to an Eligible Employee), (ii) Stock Appreciation Rights, (iii) Restricted Stock, (iv) Restricted Stock Units, (v) Performance Awards; (vi) Other Stock-Based Awards; and (vii) Other Cash-Based Awards. In particular, the Committee shall have the authority:
 - (a) to select the Eligible Individuals to whom Awards may from time to time be granted hereunder;
- (b) to determine whether and to what extent Awards, or any combination thereof, are to be granted hereunder to one or more Eligible Individuals;
- (c) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;
- (d) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder (including, but not limited to, the exercise or purchase price (if any), any restriction or limitation, any vesting schedule or acceleration thereof, or any forfeiture restrictions or waiver thereof, regarding any Award and the shares of Common Stock relating thereto, based on such factors, if any, as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion); provided, however, that the vesting schedule of an Award granted hereunder (other than Awards involving an aggregate number of shares of Common Stock equal to or less than 5% of the shares available for Awards under this Plan) shall provide that no portion of such Award may become vested prior to the first

anniversary of the date of grant of such Award (the "Minimum Vesting Requirement");

- (e) to determine the amount of cash to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;
- (f) to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances grants of Awards under the Plan are to operate on a tandem basis and/or in conjunction with or apart from other awards made by the Company outside of the Plan;
- (g) to determine whether and under what circumstances a Stock Option may be settled in cash and/or Common Stock under Section 6.2(d);
 - (h) to determine whether a Stock Option is an Incentive Stock Option or Non-Qualified Stock Option; (i) to determine whether to require a Participant, as a condition of the granting of any Award, to not sell
- or otherwise dispose of shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Award for a period of time as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, following the date of the acquisition or exercise of such Award; and
- (j) to modify, extend or renew an Award, subject to Article XII and Section 6.2(l), provided, however, that such action does not subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code without the consent of the Participant.
- **3.3** <u>Guidelines</u>. Subject to Article XII hereof, the Committee shall have the authority to adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices governing the Plan and perform all acts, including the delegation of its responsibilities (to the extent permitted by applicable law and applicable stock exchange rules), as it shall,

from time to time, deem advisable; to construe and interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan and any Award issued under the Plan (and any agreements relating thereto); and to otherwise supervise the administration of the Plan. The Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any agreement relating thereto in the manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of the Plan. The Committee may adopt special guidelines and provisions for persons who are residing in or employed in, or subject to, the taxes of, any domestic or foreign jurisdictions to comply with applicable tax and securities laws of such domestic or foreign jurisdictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no action of the Committee under this Section 3.3 shall impair the rights of any Participant, or disqualify any Incentive Stock Option under Section 422 of the Code, without the Participant's consent. No term of the Plan relating to Incentive Stock Options shall be interpreted, amended or altered, nor shall any discretion or authority granted under the Plan be so exercised, so as to disqualify the Plan under Section 422 of the Code. To the extent applicable, the Plan is intended to comply

with the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3, and with respect to Awards intended to be "performance-based," the applicable provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code, and the Plan shall be limited, construed and interpreted in a manner so as to comply therewith.

- **3.4** <u>Decisions Final</u>. Any decision, interpretation or other action made or taken in good faith by or at the direction of the Company, the Board or the Committee (or any of its members) arising out of or in connection with the Plan shall be within the absolute discretion of all and each of them, as the case may be, and shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Company and all employees and Participants and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- 3.5 <u>Procedures</u>. If the Committee is appointed, the Board shall designate one of the members of the Committee as chair and the Committee shall hold meetings, subject to the By-Laws of the Company, at such times and places as it shall deem advisable, including, without limitation, by telephone conference or by written consent to the extent permitted by applicable law. A majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum. All determinations of the Committee shall be made by a majority of its members. Any decision or determination reduced to writing and signed by all of the Committee members in accordance with the By-Laws of the Company, shall be fully effective as if it had been made by a vote at a meeting duly called and held. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and shall make such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it shall deem advisable.

3.6 Delegation of Authority/Liability.

- (a) The Committee may designate employees of the Company and professional advisors to assist the Committee in the administration of the Plan and (to the extent permitted by applicable law and applicable stock exchange rules) may delegate authority to one or more officers of the Company to grant Awards and/or execute agreements or other documents on behalf of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee may employ such legal counsel, consultants and agents as it may deem desirable for the administration of the Plan and may rely upon any opinion received from any such counsel or consultant and any computation received from any such consultant or agent. Expenses incurred by the Committee or the Board in the engagement of any such counsel, consultant or agent shall be paid by the Company. The Committee, its members and any person designated pursuant to sub-section (a) above shall not be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, no officer of the Company or member or former member of the Committee or of the Board shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award granted under it.
- 3.7 Indemnification. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Company and to the extent not covered by insurance directly insuring such person, each officer or employee of the Company or any Affiliate and member or former member of the Committee or the Board shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against any cost or expense (including reasonable fees of counsel reasonably acceptable to the Committee) or liability (including any sum paid in settlement of a claim with the approval of the Committee), and advanced amounts necessary to pay the foregoing at the earliest time and to the fullest extent permitted, arising out of any act or omission to act in connection with the administration of the Plan, except to the extent arising out of such officer's, employee's, member's or former member's own fraud or bad faith. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any right of indemnification the employees, officers, directors or members or former officers, directors or members may have under applicable law or under the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Company or any Affiliate.

 Notwithstanding anything else herein, this indemnification will not apply to the actions or determinations made by an individual with regard to Awards granted to such individual under the Plan.

ARTICLE IV SHARE LIMITATION

4.1 Shares. (a) The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued or used for reference purposes or with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan shall not exceed 6.0 million shares (subject to any increase or decrease pursuant to Section 4.2), which may be either authorized and unissued Common Stock or Common Stock held in or acquired for the treasury of the Company or both. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options may be granted under the Plan shall be 4.0 million shares. Any shares of Common Stock granted in connection with Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall be counted against the limits under the Plan as one (1) share for every one (1) Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right awarded. Any shares of Common Stock granted in connection with Awards other than Stock Options and

Stock Appreciation Rights shall be counted against the limit under the Plan as two (2) shares of Common Stock for every one (1) share of Common Stock granted in connection with such Award. If any Award granted under the Plan expires, terminates, or is canceled for any reason without having been exercised in full, or if any shares of Restricted Stock, Performance Awards, or Other Stock-Based Awards denominated in shares of Common Stock awarded under the Plan are forfeited for any reason, the portion of such Award that expires, terminates or is cancelled or forfeited shall again be available for the purpose of Awards under the Plan; provided that, any shares of Common Stock that again become available for future grants pursuant to this Section 4.1 shall be added back as one (1) share if such shares were subject to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights and as two (2) shares if such shares were subject to other Awards.

With respect to Stock Appreciation Rights settled in Common Stock, the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Stock Appreciation Rights exercised by the Participant shall count against the aggregate and individual share limitations set forth under Sections 4.1(a) and 4.1(b), respectively. If a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right or a Limited Stock Appreciation Right is granted in tandem with a Stock Option, such grant shall only apply once against the maximum number of shares of Common Stock which may be issued under the Plan. Any Award under the Plan settled in cash shall not be counted against the foregoing maximum share limitations.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any shares of Common Stock subject to an Award under the Plan shall not again be made available for issuance or delivery under the Plan if such shares are (a) tendered to the Company to pay the exercise price of a share of Common Stock subject to a Stock Option, (b) used to satisfy a tax withholding obligation under Section 14.4, or (c) repurchased by the Company using the proceeds from the exercise of Stock Options.

- (b) <u>Individual Limitations Applicable to Participants Other Than Non-Employee Directors</u>. To the extent required by Section 162(m) of the Code for Awards under the Plan to qualify as "performance-based compensation," the following individual Participant limitations shall apply:
- (i) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to Performance Awards, Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights which may be granted under the Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to any Participant shall be 4.0 million shares.
- (ii) There are no annual individual share limitations applicable to Participants (other than Non- Employee Directors) on Awards which are not Performance Awards, Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (iii) The maximum value of a cash payment made under a Performance Award which may be granted under the Plan with respect to any fiscal year of the Company to any Participant shall be \$10.0 million.
- (c) <u>Individual Limitations Applicable to Non-Employee Directors</u>. A Participant who is a Non-Employee Director may not be granted in any fiscal year of the Company Awards which, when combined with any cash amounts paid outside the Plan to such Non-Employee Director in such fiscal year, in the aggregate relate to more than \$450,000 in aggregate value at the applicable grant date(s), based on the accounting value as recognized by the Company, provided, however, that the aggregate value for any Non-Employee Director serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors may be up to 200% of such limitation.

4.2 Changes.

- (a) The existence of the Plan and the Awards granted hereunder shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Board or the stockholders of the Company to make or authorize (i) any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, (ii) any merger or consolidation of the Company or any Affiliate, (iii) any issuance of bonds, debentures, preferred or prior preference stock ahead of or affecting the Common Stock, (iv) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any Affiliate, (v) any sale or transfer of all or part of the assets or business of the Company or any Affiliate or (vi) any other corporate act or proceeding.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of Section 11.1, if there shall occur any such change in the capital structure of the Company by reason of any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, subdivision, combination or reclassification of shares that may be issued under the Plan, any recapitalization, any merger, any consolidation, any spin off, any reorganization or any partial or complete liquidation, or any other corporate transaction or event having an effect similar to any of the foregoing (a "Section 4.2 Event"), then (i) the aggregate number and/or kind of shares that thereafter may be issued under the Plan, (ii) the number and/or kind of shares or other property (including cash) to be issued upon exercise of an outstanding Award granted under the Plan, and/or (iii) the purchase price thereof, shall be appropriately adjusted. In addition, subject to Section 11.1, if there shall occur any change in the capital structure or the business of the Company that is not a Section 4.2 Event (an "Other Extraordinary Event"), including by reason of any extraordinary dividend (whether cash or stock), any conversion, any adjustment, any issuance of any class of securities convertible or exercisable into, or exercisable for, any class of stock, or any sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or business, then the Committee, in its sole discretion, may adjust

any Award and make such other adjustments to the Plan. Any adjustment pursuant to this Section 4.2 shall be

consistent with the applicable Section 4.2 Event or the applicable Other Extraordinary Event, as the case may be, and in such manner as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, deem appropriate and equitable to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to, or available for, Participants under the Plan. Any such

adjustment determined by the Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Company and all Participants and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns. Except as expressly provided

in this Section 4.2 or in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall have no rights by reason of any Section 4.2 Event or any Other Extraordinary Event.

(c) Fractional shares of Common Stock resulting from any adjustment in Awards pursuant to Section 4.2(a) or 4.2(b) shall be aggregated until, and eliminated at, the time of exercise by rounding-down for fractions less than one-half and rounding-up for fractions equal to or greater than one-half. No cash settlements shall be made with respect to fractional shares eliminated by rounding. Notice of any adjustment shall be given by the Committee to each Participant whose Award has been adjusted and such adjustment (whether or not such notice is given) shall be effective and binding for all purposes of the Plan.

ARTICLE V ELIGIBILITY

- **5.1 General Eligibility**. All current and prospective Eligible Individuals are eligible to be granted Awards. Eligibility for the grant of Awards and actual participation in the Plan shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- **5.2** <u>Incentive Stock Options</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only Eligible Employees of the Company, its Subsidiaries and its Parent (if any) are eligible to be granted Incentive Stock Options under the Plan. Eligibility for the grant of an Incentive Stock Option and actual participation in the Plan shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- **5.3** <u>General Requirement</u>. The vesting and exercise of Awards granted to a prospective Eligible Individual are conditioned upon such individual actually becoming an Eligible Employee, Consultant or Non-Employee Director, respectively.

ARTICLE VI STOCK OPTIONS

- **6.1** Options. Stock Options may be granted alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan. Each Stock Option granted under the Plan shall be of one of two types: (a) an Incentive Stock Option or (b) a Non- Qualified Stock Option. To the extent that any Stock Option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option (whether because of its provisions or the time or manner of its exercise or otherwise), such Stock Option or the portion thereof which does not so qualify shall constitute a separate Non-Qualified Stock Option.
- **6.2** <u>Terms of Options</u>. Options granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall be in such form and contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), as the Committee shall deem desirable:
- (a) Exercise Price. The exercise price per share of Common Stock subject to a Stock Option shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, provided that the per share exercise price of a Stock Option shall not be less than 100% (or, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Stockholder, 110%) of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock at the time of grant.
- (b) <u>Stock Option Term</u>. The term of each Stock Option shall be fixed by the Committee, provided that no Stock Option shall be exercisable more than 10 years after the date the Option is granted; and provided further that the term of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Stockholder shall not exceed five years.

- (c) Exercisability. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.2 and subject to the Minimum Vesting Requirement, Stock Options granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant. If the Committee provides, in its discretion, that any Stock Option is exercisable subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that such Stock Option is exercisable only in installments or within certain time periods), the Committee may waive such limitations on the exercisability at any time after the time of grant in whole or in part (including, without limitation, waiver of the installment exercise provisions or acceleration of the time at which such Stock Option may be exercised), based on such factors, if any, as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion.
- (d) Method of Exercise. Subject to whatever installment exercise and waiting period provisions apply under Section 6.2(c), to the extent vested, Stock Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time during the Option term, by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of shares of Common Stock to be purchased. Such notice shall be accompanied by payment in full of the purchase price as follows: (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) solely to the extent permitted by applicable law, if the Common Stock is traded on a national securities exchange, and the Committee authorizes, through a procedure whereby the Participant delivers irrevocable instructions to a broker reasonably acceptable to

the Committee to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the purchase price; or (iii) on such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Committee (including, without limitation, having the Company withhold shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Stock Option, or by payment in full or in part in the

form of Common Stock owned by the Participant, based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the payment date as determined by the Committee). No shares of Common Stock shall be issued until payment therefor, as provided herein, has been made or provided for.

(e) Non-Transferability of Options. No Stock Option shall be Transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all Stock Options shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may determine, in its sole

discretion, at the time of grant or thereafter that a Non-Qualified Stock Option that is otherwise not Transferable pursuant to this Section is Transferable to a Family Member in whole or in part and in such circumstances, and

under such conditions, as specified by the Committee. A Non-Qualified Stock Option that is Transferred to a Family

Member pursuant to the preceding sentence (i) may not be subsequently Transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and (ii) remains subject to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement. Any shares of Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of a Non-Oualified Stock Option by a

permissible transferee of a Non-Qualified Stock Option or a permissible transferee pursuant to a Transfer after the exercise of the Non-Qualified Stock Option shall be subject to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

- (f) <u>Termination by Death or Disability</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination is by reason of death or Disability, all Stock Options that are held by such Participant that are vested and exercisable at the time of the Participant's Termination may be exercised by the Participant (or in the case of the Participant's death, by the legal representative of the Participant's estate) at any time within a period of one (1) year from the date of such Termination, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options; provided, however, that, in the event of a Participant's Termination by reason of Disability, if the Participant dies within such exercise period, all unexercised Stock Options held by such Participant shall thereafter be exercisable, to the extent to which they were exercisable at the time of death, for a period of one (1) year from the date of such death, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options.
- (g) <u>Involuntary Termination Without Cause</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination is by involuntary termination by the Company without Cause, all Stock Options that are held by such Participant that are vested and exercisable at the time of the Participant's Termination may be exercised by the Participant at any time within a period of ninety (90) days from the date of such Termination, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options.

- (h) <u>Voluntary Resignation</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination is voluntary (other than a voluntary termination described in Section 6.2(i)(y) hereof), all Stock Options that are held by such Participant that are vested and exercisable at the time of the Participant's Termination may be exercised by the Participant at any time within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such Termination, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options.
- (i) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination (x) is for Cause or (y) is a voluntary Termination (as provided in Section 6.2(h)) after the occurrence of an event that would be grounds for a Termination for Cause, all Stock Options, whether vested or not vested, that are held by such Participant shall thereupon terminate and expire as of the date of such Termination.
- (j) <u>Unvested Stock Options</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, Stock Options that are not vested as of the date of a Participant's Termination for any reason shall terminate and expire as of the date of such Termination.
- (k) <u>Incentive Stock Option Limitations</u>. To the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the time of grant) of the Common Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by an Eligible Employee during any calendar year under the Plan and/or any other stock option plan of the Company, any Subsidiary or any Parent exceeds \$100,000, such Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options. In addition, if an Eligible Employee does not remain employed by the Company, any Subsidiary or any Parent at all times from the time an Incentive Stock Option is granted until three months prior to the date of exercise thereof (or such other period as required by applicable law), such Stock Option shall be treated as a Non-Qualified Stock Option. Should any provision of the Plan not be necessary in order for the Stock Options to qualify as Incentive Stock Options, or should any additional provisions be required, the Committee may amend the Plan accordingly, without the necessity of obtaining the approval of the stockholders of the Company.
- (l) <u>Form, Modification, Extension and Renewal of Stock Options</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions and within the limitations of the Plan, Stock Options shall be evidenced by such form of agreement or grant as is approved by the Committee, and the Committee may (i) modify, extend or renew outstanding Stock Options granted under the Plan (provided that the rights of a Participant are not reduced without such Participant's consent and provided further that such action does not subject the Stock Options to Section 409A of the Code without the consent of the Participant), and (ii) accept the surrender of outstanding Stock Options (to the extent not theretofore exercised) and authorize the granting of new Stock Options in substitution therefor (to the extent not theretofore exercised).
- (m) <u>Restrictions on Modification and Substitution of Stock Options</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an outstanding Stock Option may not be modified to reduce the exercise price thereof nor may a new Stock Option at a lower price be substituted for a surrendered Stock Option (other than adjustments or substitutions in accordance with Section 4.2), unless such action is approved by the stockholders of the Company.
- (n) Other Terms and Conditions. The Committee may include a provision in an Award Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option on a cashless basis on the last day of the term of such Option if the Participant has failed to exercise the Non-Qualified Stock Option as of such date, with respect to which the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the Non-Qualified Stock Option exceeds the exercise price of such Non-Qualified Stock Option on the date of expiration of such Option, subject to Section 14.4. Stock Options may contain such other provisions, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

ARTICLE VII STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

- 7.1 <u>Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted in conjunction with all or part of any Stock Option (a "<u>Reference Stock Option</u>") granted under the Plan ("<u>Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights</u>"). In the case of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, such rights may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of such Reference Stock Option. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, such rights may be granted only at the time of the grant of such Reference Stock Option.
- **7.2** Terms and Conditions of Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights. Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights granted hereunder shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) Exercise Price. The exercise price per share of Common Stock subject to a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, provided that the per share exercise price of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock at the time of grant.
- (b) <u>Term</u>. A Tandem Stock Appreciation Right or applicable portion thereof granted with respect to a Reference Stock Option shall terminate and no longer be exercisable upon the termination or exercise of the Reference Stock Option, except that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, at the time of grant, a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right granted with respect to less than the full number of shares covered by the Reference Stock Option shall not be reduced until, and then only to the extent that the exercise or termination of the Reference Stock Option causes, the number of shares covered by the Tandem Stock Appreciation Right to exceed the number of shares remaining available and unexercised under the Reference Stock Option.
- (c) Exercisability. Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be exercisable only at such time or times and to the extent that the Reference Stock Options to which they relate shall be exercisable in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.2(c).
- (d) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. A Tandem Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised by the Participant by surrendering the applicable portion of the Reference Stock Option. Upon such exercise and surrender, the Participant shall be entitled to receive an amount determined in the manner prescribed in this Section 7.2. Stock Options which have been so surrendered, in whole or in part, shall no longer be exercisable to the extent that the related Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights have been exercised.
- (e) <u>Payment.</u> Upon the exercise of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right, a Participant shall be entitled to receive up to, but no more than, an amount in cash and/or Common Stock (as chosen by the Committee in its sole discretion) equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock over the Option exercise price per share specified in the Reference Stock Option agreement multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock in respect of which the Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall have been exercised, with the Committee having the right to determine the form of payment.
- (f) <u>Deemed Exercise of Reference Stock Option</u>. Upon the exercise of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right, the Reference Stock Option or part thereof to which such Stock Appreciation Right is related shall be deemed to have been exercised for the purpose of the limitation set forth in Article IV of the Plan on the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued under the Plan.
- (g) Non-Transferability. Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be Transferable only when and to the extent that the underlying Stock Option would be Transferable under Section 6.2(e) of the Plan.
- **7.3** Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights. Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights may also be granted without reference to any Stock Options granted under the Plan.

- **7.4** Terms and Conditions of Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights. Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights granted hereunder shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Common Stock subject to a Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, provided that the per share exercise price of a Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock at the time of grant.
- (b) <u>Term</u>. The term of each Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be fixed by the Committee, but shall not be greater than 10 years after the date the right is granted.
- (c) Exercisability. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.4 and subject to the Minimum Vesting Requirement, Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant. If the Committee provides, in its discretion, that any such right is exercisable subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that it is exercisable only in installments or within certain time periods), the Committee may waive such limitations on the exercisability at any time after grant in whole or in part (including, without limitation, waiver of the installment exercise provisions or acceleration of the time at which such right may be exercised), based on such factors, if any, as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion.
- (d) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. Subject to whatever installment exercise and waiting period provisions apply under Section 7.4(c), Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised in whole or in part at any time in accordance with the applicable Award Agreement, by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights to be exercised.
- (e) <u>Payment</u>. Upon the exercise of a Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right a Participant shall be entitled to receive, for each right exercised, up to, but no more than, an amount in cash and/or Common Stock (as chosen by the Committee in its sole discretion) equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date that the right is exercised over the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date that the right was awarded to the Participant.
- (f) <u>Termination</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at grant or, if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, subject to the provisions of the applicable Award Agreement and the Plan, upon a Participant's Termination for any reason, Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights will remain exercisable following a Participant's Termination on the same basis as Stock Options would be exercisable following a Participant's Termination in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6.2(f) through 6.2(j).
- (g) Non-Transferability. No Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be Transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all such rights shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant.
- 7.5 <u>Limited Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, grant Tandem and Non- Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights either as a general Stock Appreciation Right or as a Limited Stock Appreciation Right. Limited Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised only upon the occurrence of a Change in Control or such other event as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, designate at the time of grant or thereafter. Upon the exercise of Limited Stock Appreciation Rights, except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, the Participant shall receive in cash and/or Common Stock, as determined by the Committee, an amount equal to the amount (i) set forth in Section 7.2(e) with respect to Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights, or (ii) set forth in

Section 7.4(e) with respect to Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights.

7.6 Other Terms and Conditions. The Committee may include a provision in an Award Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right on a cashless basis on the last day of the term of such Stock Appreciation Right if the Participant has failed to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right as of such date, with respect to which the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the Stock Appreciation Right exceeds the exercise price of such Stock Appreciation Right on the date of expiration of such Stock Appreciation Right, subject to Section 14.4. Stock Appreciation Rights may contain such other provisions, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII RESTRICTED STOCK AND RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

8.1 <u>Awards of Restricted Stock</u>. Awards of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units may be issued either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan. The Committee shall determine the Eligible Individuals, to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be made, the number of shares or units (as applicable) to be awarded, the price (if any) to be paid by the Participant (which may

be zero to the extent permitted by applicable law, and, to the extent not so permitted, such purchase price may not be less than par value), the time or times within which such Awards may be subject to forfeiture, the vesting schedule (subject to the Minimum Vesting Requirement) and rights to acceleration thereof, and all other terms and conditions of the Awards.

- **8.2** <u>Awards and Certificates</u>. Eligible Individuals selected to receive an Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall not have any right with respect to such Award, unless and until such Participant has delivered a fully executed copy of the agreement evidencing the Award to the Company, to the extent required by the Committee, and has otherwise complied with the applicable terms and conditions of such Award. Further, an Award of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the following conditions:
- (a) <u>Acceptance</u>. Awards of Restricted Stock must be accepted within a period of 60 days (or such shorter period as the Committee may specify at grant) after the grant date, by executing a Restricted Stock agreement and by paying whatever price (if any) the Committee has designated thereunder.
- (b) <u>Legend</u>. Each Participant receiving Restricted Stock shall be issued a stock certificate in respect of such shares of Restricted Stock, unless the Committee elects to use another system, such as book entries by the transfer agent, as evidencing ownership of shares of Restricted Stock. Such certificate shall be registered in the name of such Participant, and shall, in addition to such legends required by applicable securities laws, bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Award, substantially in the following form:

"The anticipation, alienation, attachment, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge of the shares of stock represented hereby are subject to the terms and conditions (including forfeiture) of the Burlington Stores, Inc. (the "Company") 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and an Agreement entered into between the registered owner and the Company dated

. Copies of such Plan and Agreement are on file at the principal office of the Company."

(c) <u>Custody</u>. If stock certificates are issued in respect of shares of Restricted Stock, the Committee may require that any stock certificates evidencing such shares be held in custody by the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that, as a condition of any grant of Restricted Stock, the Participant shall have delivered a duly signed stock power or other instruments of assignment (including a power of attorney), each endorsed in blank with a guarantee of signature if deemed necessary or appropriate by the Company, which would permit transfer to the Company of all or a portion of the shares subject to the Restricted Stock Award in the event that such Award is forfeited in whole or part.

- **8.3** <u>Restrictions and Conditions</u>. Awards of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units awarded pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) <u>Vesting Period</u>. The Participant shall not be permitted to Transfer shares of Restricted Stock, or be entitled to obtain shares of Common Stock or cash subject to an Award of Restricted Stock Units, during the vesting period or periods set by the Committee, subject to the Minimum Vesting Requirement, commencing on the date of such Award, as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Such agreement shall set forth a vesting schedule and any event that would accelerate vesting of the Award. Within these limits, based on service and/or such other factors or criteria as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion, the Committee may condition the grant or provide for the vesting of the Award in installments in whole or in part, or may accelerate the vesting of all or any part of any Award and/or waive the deferral limitations for all or any part of any

(b) Rights as a Stockholder.

- (i) Except as provided in Section 8.3(a) and this Section 8.3(b) or as otherwise determined by the Committee in an Award Agreement, the Participant shall have, with respect to the shares of Restricted Stock, all of the rights of a holder of shares of Common Stock of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote such shares and the right to receive dividends, provided that the Plan does not authorize the current payment of dividends in any form with respect to unvested Awards. Any cash dividends and stock dividends with respect to the Restricted Stock shall be withheld by the Company for the Participant's account, and interest may be credited on the amount of the cash dividends withheld at a rate and subject to such terms as determined by the Committee. The
- cash dividends or stock dividends so withheld by the Committee and attributable to any particular share of Restricted Stock (and earnings thereon, if applicable) shall be distributed to the Participant in cash or, at the discretion of the Committee, in shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, if applicable, upon the lapse of restrictions on such share and, if such share is forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such dividends.
- (ii) Except as otherwise determined by the Committee in an Award Agreement, an Award of Restricted Stock Units shall not provide the Participant with any rights of a holder of shares of Common Stock of the Company unless and until the shares of Common Stock underlying the Award are issued to the Participant. At the discretion of the Committee, each Restricted Stock Unit may be credited with cash and stock dividends paid by the Company in respect of one share of Common Stock ("Dividend Equivalents"), provided that the Plan does not authorize the current payment of Dividend Equivalents in any form with respect to unvested Awards. Dividend Equivalents will be deemed re-invested in additional Restricted Stock Units, subject to the same terms and conditions of the underlying Restricted Stock Unit, based on the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the applicable dividend payment date and rounded down to the nearest whole share. For the avoidance of doubt, if such Restricted Stock Unit is forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such Dividend Equivalents.
- (c) <u>Termination</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at grant or, if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, upon a Participant's Termination for any reason, all unvested shares of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units will be forfeited in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Committee at grant or thereafter.
- (d) <u>Lapse of Restrictions</u>. If and when a share of Restricted Stock becomes vested, the certificate for such share shall be delivered to the Participant. All legends shall be removed from said certificate at the time of delivery to the Participant, except as otherwise required by applicable law or other limitations imposed by the Committee.

ARTICLE IX PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- **9.1 Performance Awards**. The Committee may grant a Performance Award to a Participant payable upon the attainment of specific Performance Goal(s). The Committee may grant Performance Awards that are intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, as well as Performance Awards that are not intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. If the Performance Award is payable in shares of Restricted Stock, such shares shall be transferable to the Participant only upon attainment of the relevant Performance Goal(s) in accordance with this Article IX. If the Performance Award is payable in cash, it may be paid upon the attainment of the relevant Performance Goal(s) either in cash or in shares of Common Stock (based on the then
- is payable in cash, it may be paid upon the attainment of the relevant Performance Goal(s) either in cash or in shares of Common Stock (based on the then current Fair Market Value of such shares), as determined by the Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion. Subject to the Minimum Vesting Requirement, each Performance Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement in such form that is not inconsistent with the Plan and that the Committee may from time to time approve. With respect to Performance Awards that are intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall condition the right to payment of any Performance Award upon the attainment of objective Performance Goal(s) established pursuant to Section 9.2(c).
- **9.2** <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. Performance Awards awarded pursuant to this Article IX shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) <u>Earning of Performance Award</u>. At the expiration of the applicable Performance Period, the Committee shall determine the extent to which the Performance Goals established pursuant to Section 9.2(c) are achieved and the percentage of each Performance Award that has been earned.
- (b) <u>Non-Transferability</u>. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, Performance Awards may not be Transferred during the Performance Period.
- (c) Objective Performance Goals, Formulae or Standards. With respect to Performance Awards that are intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goal(s) for the earning of Performance Awards based on a Performance Period applicable to each Participant or class of Participants in writing prior to the beginning of the applicable Performance Period or at such later date as permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code and while the outcome of the Performance Goal(s) are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goal(s) may incorporate, if and only to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions and acquisitions) and other similar type events or circumstances. To the extent that any such provision would create impermissible discretion under Section 162(m) of the Code or otherwise violate Section 162(m) of the Code, such provision shall be of no force or effect, with respect to Performance Awards that are intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (d) <u>Dividends and Dividend Equivalents</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, amounts equal to dividends and Dividend Equivalents, as applicable, declared during the Performance Period with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock covered by a Performance Award will not be paid to the Participant. For the avoidance of doubt, the Plan does not authorize the current payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents in any form with respect to unvested Awards.
- (e) <u>Payment</u>. Following the Committee's determination in accordance with Section 9.2(a), and subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, the Company shall settle Performance Awards, in such form (including, without limitation, in shares of Common Stock or in cash) as determined by the Committee, in an amount equal to such Participant's earned Performance Awards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, award an amount less than the earned Performance Awards and/or subject the payment of all or part of any Performance Award to additional vesting, forfeiture and deferral conditions as it deems appropriate.

- (f) <u>Termination</u>. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, upon a Participant's Termination for any reason during the Performance Period for a given Performance Award, the Performance Award in question will vest or be forfeited in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Committee at grant.
- (g) <u>Accelerated Vesting</u>. Based on service, performance and/or such other factors or criteria, if any, as the Committee may determine, the Committee may accelerate the vesting of all or any part of any Performance Award after the grant date.

ARTICLE X OTHER STOCK-BASED AND CASH-BASED AWARDS

10.1 Other Stock-Based Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant to Eligible Individuals Other Stock-Based Awards that are payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to shares of Common Stock, including but not limited to, shares of Common Stock awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to restrictions or conditions, shares of Common Stock in payment of the amounts due under an incentive or performance plan sponsored or maintained by the Company or an Affiliate, and Awards valued by reference to book value of shares of Common Stock. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted either alone or in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan.

Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have authority to determine the Eligible Individuals, to whom, and the time or times at which, such Awards shall be made, the number of shares of Common Stock to be awarded pursuant to such Awards, and all other conditions of the Awards. The Committee may also provide for the grant of Common Stock under such Awards upon the completion of a specified Performance Period.

- **10.2** <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. Other Stock-Based Awards made pursuant to this Article X shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) <u>Non-Transferability</u>. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, shares of Common Stock subject to Awards made under this Article X may not be Transferred prior to the date on which the shares are issued, or, if later, the date on which any applicable restriction, performance or deferral period lapses.
- (b) <u>Dividends</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of Award, subject to the provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, the recipient of an Award under this Article X shall not be entitled to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, dividends or Dividend Equivalents in respect of the number of shares of Common Stock covered by the Award. To the extent provided by the Committee, any such dividend or Dividend Equivalent, as applicable, with respect to the Award shall be withheld by the Company for the Participant's account, and interest may be credited on the amount of the cash dividends or Dividend Equivalents withheld at a rate and subject to such terms as determined by the Committee. The dividends or Dividend Equivalents so withheld by the Committee and attributable to any particular share under the Award (and earnings thereon, if applicable) shall be distributed to the Participant in cash or, at the discretion of the Committee, in shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends or Dividend Equivalents, as applicable, upon the lapse of restrictions on the Award and, if such Award is forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such dividends or Dividend Equivalents. For the avoidance of doubt, the Plan does not authorize the current payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents in any form with respect to unvested Awards.
- (c) <u>Vesting</u>. Any Award under this Article X and any Common Stock covered by any such Award shall vest or be forfeited to the extent so provided in the Award Agreement, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion and subject to the Minimum Vesting Requirement.
- (d) <u>Price</u>. Common Stock issued on a bonus basis under this Article X may be issued for no cash consideration. Common Stock purchased pursuant to a purchase right awarded under this Article X shall be priced, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

10.3 Other Cash-Based Awards. The Committee may from time to time grant Other Cash-Based Awards to Eligible Individuals in such amounts, on such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan (including Section 3.2(d) thereof), and for such consideration, including no consideration or such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law, as it shall determine in its sole discretion. Other Cash-Based Awards may be granted subject to the satisfaction of vesting conditions or may be awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to restrictions or conditions, and if subject to vesting conditions and the Minimum Vesting Requirement, the Committee may accelerate the vesting of such Awards at any time in its sole discretion. The grant of an Other Cash-Based Award shall not require a segregation of any of the Company's assets for satisfaction of the Company's payment obligation thereunder.

ARTICLE XI CHANGE IN CONTROL PROVISIONS

- **11.1** <u>Benefits</u>. In the event of a Change in Control of the Company (as defined below), and except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, a Participant's unvested Award shall not vest automatically and a Participant's Award shall be treated in accordance with one or more of the following methods as determined by the Committee:
- (a) Awards, whether or not then vested, shall be continued, assumed, or have new rights substituted therefor, as determined by the Committee in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and restrictions to which Awards granted prior to the Change in Control are subject shall not lapse upon a Change in Control and the Award shall, where appropriate in the sole discretion of the Committee, receive the same distribution as other Common Stock on such terms as determined by the Committee; provided that the Committee may decide to grant additional Awards in lieu of any cash distribution. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, for purposes of Incentive Stock Options, any assumed or substituted Stock Option shall comply with the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.424-1 (and any amendment thereto).
- (b) The Committee, in its sole discretion, may provide for the purchase of any Awards by the Company or an Affiliate for an amount of cash equal to the excess (if any) of the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock covered by such Awards, over the aggregate exercise price of such Awards; provided that in the event that such exercise price does not exceed Fair Market Value, the Awards may be cancelled for no consideration.
- (c) The Committee may, in its sole discretion, terminate any outstanding and unexercised Award that provides for a Participant elected exercise, effective as of the date of the Change in Control, by delivering notice of termination to each Participant at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of consummation of the Change in Control, in which case during the period from the date on which such notice of termination is delivered to the consummation of the Change in Control, each such Participant shall have the right to exercise in full all of such Participant's Awards that are then vested and outstanding, but any such exercise shall be contingent on the occurrence of the Change in Control, and, provided that, if the Change in Control does not take place within a specified period after giving such notice for any reason whatsoever, the notice and exercise pursuant thereto shall be null and void.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for accelerated vesting or lapse of restrictions, of an Award at any time.
- **11.2** <u>Change in Control</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement or other written agreement with a Participant approved by the Committee, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to occur upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (a) any "person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (other than the Company, any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under any employee benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate of them, or any company owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of Common Stock of the Company), becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 40% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities;

(b) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board, and any new director (other than a director designated by a person who has entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in paragraph (a), (c), or (d) of this Section 11.2 or a director whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest (as such term is used in Rule 14a-11 of Regulation 14A promulgated under the Exchange Act) or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the Board) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the two-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board;

(c) the consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) more than 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation; provided, however, that a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no person (other than those covered by the exceptions in Section 11.2(a)) acquires more than 50% of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities shall not constitute a Change in Control of the Company; or

(d) a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or the consummation of a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets other than the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to a person or persons who beneficially own, directly or indirectly,

50% or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the Company at the time of the sale.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Award that is characterized as "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, an event shall not be considered to be a Change in Control under the Plan for purposes of payment of such Award unless such event is also a "change in ownership," a "change in effective control" or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

ARTICLE XII TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF PLAN

12.1 Termination or Amendment. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Board may at any time, and from time to time, amend, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of the Plan or an Award Agreement (including any amendment deemed necessary to ensure that the Company may comply with any regulatory requirement referred to in Article XIV or Section 409A of the Code), or suspend or terminate it entirely, retroactively or otherwise; provided that the Plan may not be amended or altered so as to disqualify the Plan under Section 422 of the Code. The Committee may amend the terms of any outstanding Award, prospectively or retroactively, including without limitation, to modify, renew, extend the term of, and provide for payment of dividends and Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Award, subject to Sections 8.3(b)(i), 8.3(b)(ii) and 10.2(b). For the avoidance of doubt, the Plan does not authorize the current payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents in any form with respect to unvested Awards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise required to comply with applicable law (including Section 409A of the Code) or specifically provided herein, the rights of a Participant with respect to Awards granted prior to any amendment, suspension or termination, may not be impaired, and no such amendment, suspension or termination may subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code or disqualify any Incentive Stock Option under such Section 422, without the consent of the Participant. In addition, without the approval of the holders of the Company's Common Stock entitled to vote in accordance with applicable law, no amendment may be made that would (i) increase the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan (except by operation of Section 4.2); (iii) increase the maximum individual Participant limitations for a fiscal year under Section 4.1(b) (except by operation of Section 4.2); (iii) change the classification

of individuals eligible to receive Awards under the Plan; (iv) decrease the minimum exercise price of any Stock

Option or Stock Appreciation Right; (v) extend the maximum Stock Option term under Section 6.2(b); (vi) alter the Performance Goals established for purposes of Awards intended to be "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto; (vii) permit the award any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right in replacement of a canceled Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right with a higher exercise price than the replacement award, or otherwise permit the cancellation of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right with an exercise price higher than Fair Market Value in exchange for another Award or for cash; (viii) require

stockholder approval in order for the Plan to continue to comply with the applicable provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code or, to the extent applicable to Incentive Stock Options, Section 422 of the Code; or (ix) require stockholder approval under Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) rules and regulations or the rules of any exchange or system on which the Company's securities are listed or traded at the request of the Company.

ARTICLE XIII UNFUNDED STATUS OF PLAN

The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payment as to which a Participant has a fixed and vested interest but which are not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any right that is greater than those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

ARTICLE XIV GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 14.1 <u>Legend</u>. The Committee may require each person receiving shares of Common Stock pursuant to an Award under the Plan to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that the Participant is acquiring the shares without a view to distribution thereof. In addition to any legend required by the Plan, the certificates for such shares may include any legend that the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on Transfer. All certificates for shares of Common Stock delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which the Common Stock is then listed or any national securities exchange system upon whose system the Common Stock is then quoted, any applicable federal or state securities law, and any applicable corporate law, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.
- **14.2** Other Plans. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.
- **14.3** No Right to Employment/Directorship/Consultancy. Neither the Plan nor the grant of any Award hereunder shall give any Participant or other employee, Consultant or Non-Employee Director any right with respect to continuance of employment, consultancy or directorship by the Company or any Affiliate, nor shall there be a limitation in any way on the right of the Company or any Affiliate by which an employee is employed or a Consultant or Non-Employee Director is retained to terminate such employment, consultancy or directorship at any time.
- **14.4** Withholding of Taxes. The Company shall have the right to deduct from any payment to be made pursuant to the Plan, or to otherwise require, prior to the issuance or delivery of shares of Common Stock or the payment of any cash hereunder, payment by the Participant of, any federal, state or local taxes up to the maximum statutory tax rates in the applicable jurisdictions. Upon the vesting of any Award that is taxable upon vesting, or upon making an election under Section 83(b) of the Code, a Participant shall pay all required withholding to the Company. Any withholding obligation under this Section 14.4 with regard to any Participant may be satisfied, subject to the consent of the Committee, by reducing the number of shares of Common Stock otherwise deliverable or by delivering shares of Common Stock already owned. Any fraction of a share of Common Stock required to satisfy such tax obligations shall be disregarded and the amount due shall be paid instead in cash by the Participant.

14.5 No Assignment of Benefits. No Award or other benefit payable under the Plan shall, except as otherwise specifically provided by law or permitted by the Committee, be Transferable in any manner, and any attempt to Transfer any such benefit shall be void, and any such benefit shall not in any manner be liable for or subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements or torts of any person who shall be entitled to such benefit, nor shall it be subject to attachment or legal process for or against such person.

14.6 Listing and Other Conditions.

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, as long as the Common Stock is listed on a national securities exchange or system sponsored by a national securities association, the issuance of shares of Common Stock pursuant to an Award shall be conditioned upon such shares being listed on such exchange or system. The Company shall have no obligation to issue such shares unless and until such shares are so listed, and the right to exercise any Award with respect to such shares shall be suspended until such listing has been effected.
- (b) If at any time counsel to the Company shall be of the opinion that any sale or delivery of shares of Common Stock pursuant to an Award is or may in the circumstances be unlawful or result in the imposition of excise taxes on the Company under the statutes, rules or regulations of any applicable jurisdiction, the Company shall have no obligation to make such sale or delivery, or to make any application or to effect or to maintain any qualification or registration under the Securities Act or otherwise, with respect to shares of Common Stock or Awards, and the right to exercise any Award shall be suspended until, in the opinion of said counsel, such sale or delivery shall be lawful or will not result in the imposition of excise taxes on the Company.
- (c) Upon termination of any period of suspension under this Section 14.6, any Award affected by such suspension which shall not then have expired or terminated shall be reinstated as to all shares available before such suspension and as to shares which would otherwise have become available during the period of such suspension, but no such suspension shall extend the term of any Award.
- (d) A Participant shall be required to supply the Company with certificates, representations and information that the Company requests and otherwise cooperate with the Company in obtaining any listing, registration, qualification, exemption, consent or approval the Company deems necessary or appropriate.
- **14.7** Governing Law. The Plan and actions taken in connection herewith shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware (regardless of the law that might otherwise govern under applicable Delaware principles of conflict of laws).

14.8 Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial. Any suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Plan or any

Award Agreement, or any judgment entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any thereof, shall be resolved only in the courts of the State of Delaware or the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals in such courts. In that context, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company and each Participant shall irrevocably and unconditionally (a) submit in any proceeding relating to the Plan or any Award Agreement, or for the recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof (a "Proceeding"), to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware, the court of the United States of America for the District of Delaware, and appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals from any of the foregoing, and agree that all claims in respect of any such Proceeding shall be heard and determined in such Delaware State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such federal court, (b) consent that any such Proceeding may and shall be brought in such courts and waives any objection that the Company and each Participant may now or thereafter have to the venue or jurisdiction of any such Proceeding in any such court or that

such Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agree not to plead or claim the same, (c) waive all right to trial by jury in any Proceeding (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to the Plan or any Award Agreement, (d) agree that service of process in any such Proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy

of such process by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such party, in the case of a Participant, at the Participant's address shown in the books and records of the Company or, in the case of the Company, at the Company's principal offices, attention General Counsel, and (e) agree that nothing

in the Plan shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware.

- **14.9** Construction. Wherever any words are used in the Plan in the masculine gender they shall be construed as though they were also used in the feminine gender in all cases where they would so apply, and wherever words are used herein in the singular form they shall be construed as though they were also used in the plural form in all cases where they would so apply.
- **14.10** Other Benefits. No Award granted or paid out under the Plan shall be deemed compensation for purposes of computing benefits under any retirement plan of the Company or its Affiliates nor affect any benefit under any other benefit plan now or subsequently in effect under which the availability or amount of benefits is related to the level of compensation.
- **14.11** <u>Costs</u>. The Company shall bear all expenses associated with administering the Plan, including expenses of issuing Common Stock pursuant to Awards hereunder.
- **14.12** No Right to Same Benefits. The provisions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant, and such Awards to individual Participants need not be the same in subsequent years.
- **14.13** <u>Death/Disability</u>. The Committee may in its discretion require the transferee of a Participant to supply it with written notice of the Participant's death or Disability and to supply it with a copy of the will (in the case of the Participant's death) or such other evidence as the Committee deems necessary to establish the validity of the transfer of an Award. The Committee may also require that the agreement of the transferee to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- **14.14** Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. All elections and transactions under the Plan by persons subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act involving shares of Common Stock are intended to comply with any applicable exemptive condition under Rule 16b-3. The Committee may establish and adopt written administrative guidelines, designed to facilitate compliance with Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, as it may deem necessary or proper for the administration and operation of the Plan and the transaction of business thereunder.
- 14.15 Section 409A of the Code. The Plan is intended to comply with the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. To the extent that any Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, it shall be paid in a manner that will comply with Section 409A of the Code, including proposed, temporary or final regulations or any other guidance issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service with respect thereto. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any provision in the Plan that is inconsistent with Section 409A of the Code shall be deemed to be amended to comply with Section 409A of the Code and to the extent such provision cannot be amended to comply therewith, such provision shall be null and void. The Company shall have no liability to a Participant, or any other party, if an Award that is intended to be exempt from, or compliant with, Section 409A of the Code is not so exempt or compliant or for any action taken by the Committee or the Company and, in the event that any amount or benefit under the Plan becomes subject to penalties under Section 409A of the Code, responsibility for payment of such penalties shall rest solely with the affected Participants and not with the Company. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Plan or Award Agreement, any payment(s) of "nonqualified deferred compensation" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) that are otherwise required to be made under the Plan to a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A of the Code) as a result of such employee's separation from service (other than a payment that is not subject to Section 409A of the Code) shall be delayed for the first six (6) months following such separation from service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the specified employee) and shall instead be paid (in a manner set forth in the Award Agreement) upon expiration of such delay period.
- **14.16** <u>Successor and Assigns</u>. The Plan shall be binding on all successors and permitted assigns of a Participant, including, without limitation, the estate of such Participant and the executor, administrator or trustee of such estate.
- **14.17** <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. If any provision of the Plan shall be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such provisions had not been included.

- **14.18** Payments to Minors, Etc. Any benefit payable to or for the benefit of a minor, an incompetent person or other person incapable of receipt thereof shall be deemed paid when paid to such person's guardian or to the party providing or reasonably appearing to provide for the care of such person, and such payment shall fully discharge the Committee, the Board, the Company, its Affiliates and their employees, agents and representatives with respect thereto.
- **14.19** <u>Headings and Captions</u>. The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only, shall not be considered part of the Plan, and shall not be employed in the construction of the Plan.
- **14.20** <u>Company Recoupment of Awards</u>. A Participant's rights with respect to any Award hereunder shall in all events be subject to (i) any right that the Company may have under any Company recoupment policy or other agreement or arrangement with a Participant, or (ii) any right or obligation that the Company may have regarding

the clawback of "incentive-based compensation" under Section 10D of the Exchange Act and any applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

ARTICLE XV EFFECTIVE DATE OF PLAN

The Plan originally became effective on September 30, 2013. This amendment and restatement to the Plan is effective May 17, 2017, which is the date the stockholders of the Company approved the amendment and restatement of the Plan in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE XVI TERM OF PLAN

No Award shall be granted pursuant to the Plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the earlier of the date that the Plan is adopted or the date of stockholder approval, but Awards granted prior to such tenth anniversary may extend beyond that date; provided that no Award (other than a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right) that is intended to be "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code shall be granted on or after the fifth anniversary of the stockholder approval of the Plan unless the Performance Goals are re-approved (or other designated Performance Goals are approved) by the stockholders no later than the first stockholder meeting that occurs in the fifth year following the year in which stockholders approve the Performance Goals.

ARTICLE XVII NAME OF PLAN

The Plan shall be known as the "Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan."

EXHIBIT A PERFORMANCE GOALS

To the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, performance goals established for purposes of Awards intended to be "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, shall be based on the attainment of certain target levels of, or a specified increase or decrease (as applicable) in one or more of the following performance goals:

- earnings per share;
- operating income;
- pre-tax income or earnings;
- gross income;
- net income (before or after taxes);
- adjusted net income per share;
- cash flow;
- free cash flow;
- gross profit;
- gross profit return on investment;
- gross margin return on investment;
- gross margin or gross margin ratio;
- operating margin;
- working capital;
- earnings before interest and taxes;
- earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization;
- return on equity;
- return on assets;
- return on capital;
- return on invested capital;
- net revenues;
- gross revenues;
- revenue growth;
- annual recurring revenues;
- recurring revenues;
- license revenues;
- sales or net sales;
- sales or market share;

- comparable store sales;
- total shareholder return;
- economic value added;
- inventory turns;
- specified objectives with regard to limiting the level of increase in all or a portion of the Company's bank debt or other long-term or short-term public or private debt or other similar financial obligations of the Company, which may be calculated net of cash balances and/or other offsets and adjustments as may be established by the Committee in its sole discretion;
- the fair market value of a share of Common Stock;
- the growth in the value of an investment in the Common Stock assuming the reinvestment of dividends; or
- reduction in operating expenses.

With respect to Awards that are intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, also exclude, or adjust to reflect, the impact of an event or occurrence that the Committee determines should be appropriately excluded or adjusted, including:

- (a) restructurings, discontinued operations, extraordinary items or events, and other unusual or non- recurring charges as described in Accounting Standards Codification 225-20, "Extraordinary and Unusual Items," and/or management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing or incorporated by reference in the Company's Form 10-K for the applicable year;
- (b) an event either not directly related to the operations of the Company or not within the reasonable control of the Company's management; or
 - (c) a change in tax law or accounting standards required by generally accepted accounting principles. Performance goals may also be

based upon individual participant performance goals, as determined by the

Committee, in its sole discretion. In addition, Awards that are not intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code may be based on the performance goals set forth herein or on such other performance goals as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

In addition, such performance goals may be based upon the attainment of specified levels of Company (or subsidiary, division, other operational unit, administrative department or product category of the Company) performance under one or more of the measures described above relative to the performance of other corporations. With respect to Awards that are intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, but only to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code (including, without limitation, compliance with any requirements for stockholder approval), the Committee may also:

- (a) designate additional business criteria on which the performance goals may be based; or
- (b) adjust, modify or amend the aforementioned business criteria.

BURLINGTON STORES, INC. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan

Burlington Stores, Inc. Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement

This Award Agreement (the "Award Agreement") evidences a stock option granted by Burlington Stores, Inc. (formerly
Burlington Holdings, Inc.), a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), to the undersigned (the "Employee"), pursuant to, and
subject to the terms of the Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which is incorporated herein by
reference and of which the Employee hereby acknowledges receipt. For the purpose of this Award Agreement, the "Grant Date"
shall mean Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

1. <u>Grant of Option</u>. This Award Agreement evidences the grant by the Company on the Grant Date to the Employee of an option to purchase (the "Option"), in whole or in part, on the terms provided herein and in the Plan, the following shares of Common Stock of the Company (the "Shares") as set forth below.

	_ shares of	Common Stock (the	"Options"), sul	oject to adjustme	nt as provided in	the Plan
Exercise Pr	rice: [\$ _	_]				

The Option evidenced by this Award Agreement is not intended to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

2. Vesting and Exercisability.

- (a) <u>Vesting of Options</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Options shall vest according to the following schedule:
 - (i) 25% on the first anniversary of the Grant Date;
 - (ii) 25% on the second anniversary of the Grant Date;
 - (iii) 25% on the third anniversary of the Grant Date; and
 - (iv) 25% on the fourth anniversary of the Grant Date.

All Options shall become exercisable in the event the Employee is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary without Cause or resigns for Good Reason within the two year period immediately following a Change in Control. Notwithstanding anything in this Award Agreement or in the Plan to the contrary, for purposes of this Award Agreement, if the Employee is a party to an employment agreement with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries at the time the Employee's employment with the Company or its Subsidiary ceases, "Cause" and "Good Reason" shall have the meaning provided in the terms of such employment

agreement. If the Employee is not a party to an employment agreement with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries at the time the Employee's employment with the Company or its Subsidiary ceases, "Cause" and "Good Reason" shall have the meaning provided in the terms of the Burlington Stores, Inc. Executive Severance Plan.

- (b) <u>Exercisability of Option</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan, Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time following such time as such Option vests. The latest date on which an Option may be exercised (the "Final Exercise Date") is the date which is the tenth anniversary of the Grant Date, subject to earlier termination in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Plan and this Award Agreement.
- 3. Exercise of Option. Each election to exercise this Option shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and shall be in writing, signed by the Employee or by his or her executor or administrator or by the person or persons to whom this Option is transferred by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution (the "Legal Representative"), and made pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan.
- 4. <u>Cessation of Employment</u>. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, the following will apply if the Employee's employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries ceases:
 - (a) Options that have not vested will terminate immediately; and
 - (b) The vested Options will remain exercisable for the shorter of (i) a period of 60 days from the date such Employee's employment ceases, (ii) 365 days from the date such Employee's employment ceases in the case of cessation of employment as a result of Employee's death or Disability or (iii) the period ending on the Final Exercise Date, and will thereupon terminate.
 - (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Options will terminate immediately if the Employee's employment is terminated for Cause or the Employee breaches any non-competition obligation he or she has to the Company under any agreement.
- 5.<u>Legends</u>, <u>Retention of Shares</u>, <u>etc</u>. Shares of Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Option shall bear such legends as may be determined by the Committee prior to issuance. An Employee shall have no shareholder rights, including the right to vote or receive dividends, until such Shares are issued.
- 6.<u>Transfer of Option</u>. This Option is not transferable by the Employee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.
- 7. <u>Effect on Employment</u>. Neither the grant of this Option, nor the issuance of Shares upon exercise of this Option shall give the Employee any right to be retained in the employ of the Company or its Subsidiaries, affect the right of the Company or its Subsidiaries to discharge or discipline the Employee at any time or affect any right of Employee to terminate his employment at any time.

- 8. <u>Certain Important Tax Matters</u>. The Employee expressly acknowledges that the Employee's rights hereunder, including the right to be issued Shares upon exercise of Options, are subject to the Employee promptly paying to the Company in cash (or by such other means as may be acceptable to the Committee in its discretion) all taxes required to be withheld under the terms of the Plan. The Employee also authorizes the Company or its Subsidiaries to withhold such amount from any amounts otherwise owed to the Employee.
- 9. Provisions of the Plan. This Option is subject in its entirety to the provisions of the Plan, which are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Plan as in effect on the date of the grant of this Option has been furnished to the Employee. By exercising all or any part of this Option, the Employee agrees to be bound by the terms of the Plan and this Option. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Option and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.
- 10.<u>General</u>. For purposes of this Option and any determinations to be made by the Committee hereunder, the determinations by the Committee shall be binding upon the Employee and any transferee.
- 11. <u>Governing Law</u>. All questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Award Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the choice of law principles thereof.
- 12. Entire Agreement; Amendment. This Award Agreement, together with the Plan, contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior agreements or prior understandings, whether written or oral, between the parties relating to such subject matter. The Committee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to modify or amend this Award Agreement from time to time in accordance with and as provided in the Plan. This Award Agreement may also be modified or amended by a writing signed by both the Company and the Employee. The Company shall give written notice to the Employee of any such modification or amendment of this Award Agreement as soon as practicable after the adoption thereof.
- 13. Compliance with Laws. The issuance of the Option (and the Shares upon exercise of the Option) pursuant to this Award Agreement shall be subject to, and shall comply with, any applicable requirements of any foreign and U.S. federal and state securities laws, rules and regulations (including, without limitation, the provisions of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and in each case any respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) and any other law or regulation applicable thereto. The Company shall not be obligated to issue the Option or any of the Shares pursuant to this Award Agreement if any such issuance would violate any such requirements.
- 14. <u>Section 409A</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Plan to the contrary, the Option is intended to be exempt from the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent.
- 15. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Award Agreement in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remainder of this Award Agreement in such jurisdiction or the validity, legality or enforceability

of any provision of this Award Agreement in any other jurisdiction, it being intended that all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. Defend Trade Secrets Act. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), "an individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that-(A) is made-(i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal." Accordingly, the Employee has the right to disclose in confidence trade secrets to Federal, State, and local government officials, or to an attorney, for the sole purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law. The Employee also has the right to disclose trade secrets in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, but only if the filing is made under seal and protected from public disclosure. Nothing in this Award Agreement is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Company and Employee each have executed this Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement as of the date indicated below.

THE COMPANY:	BURLINGTON STORES, INC.
	Ву:
	Name:
	Title:
	Date:
The Employee:	
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	Name:
	Date:

BURLINGTON STORES, INC. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan

BURLINGTON STORES, INC. NON-QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

This Award Agreement (the "Award Agreement") evidences a stock option granted by Burlington Stores, Inc. (formerly
Burlington Holdings, Inc.), a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), to the undersigned (the "Employee"), pursuant to, and
subject to the terms of the Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which is incorporated herein by
reference and of which the Employee hereby acknowledges receipt. For the purpose of this Award Agreement, the "Grant Date"
shall mean Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

1.	Grant of Option.	This Award Agre	eement evid	lences the gra	ant by the C	Company	γ on the (Grant Da	ate to the Emp	loyee of an
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Common St	ock of the Comp	any (the "Shares") as set fortl	h below.						

_____ shares of Common Stock (the "Options"), subject to adjustment as provided in the Plan.

Exercise Price: [\$____]

The Option evidenced by this Award Agreement is not intended to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

- 2. <u>Vesting and Exercisability</u>.
- (a) <u>Vesting of Options</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Options shall vest according to the following schedule:
 - (i) 25% on the first anniversary of the Grant Date;
 - (ii) 25% on the second anniversary of the Grant Date;
 - (iii) 25% on the third anniversary of the Grant Date; and
 - (iv) 25% on the fourth anniversary of the Grant Date.

All Options shall become exercisable in the event the Employee is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary without Cause within the one year period immediately following a Change in Control.

(b) <u>Exercisability of Option</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan, Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time following such time as such Option vests. The latest date on which an Option may be exercised (the "Final Exercise Date") is the date which is the tenth anniversary of the Grant Date, subject to

- earlier termination in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Plan and this Award Agreement.
- 3. <u>Exercise of Option</u>. Each election to exercise this Option shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and shall be in writing, signed by the Employee or by his or her executor or administrator or by the person or persons to whom this Option is transferred by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution (the "Legal Representative"), and made pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan.
- 4. <u>Cessation of Employment</u>. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, the following will apply if the Employee's employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries ceases:
 - (a) Options that have not vested will terminate immediately; and
 - (b) The vested Options will remain exercisable for the shorter of (i) a period of 60 days from the date such Employee's employment ceases, (ii) 365 days from the date such Employee's employment ceases in the case of cessation of employment as a result of Employee's death or Disability or (iii) the period ending on the Final Exercise Date, and will thereupon terminate.
 - (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Options will terminate immediately if the Employee's employment is terminated for Cause or the Employee breaches any non-competition obligation he or she has to the Company under any agreement.
- 5. <u>Legends, Retention of Shares, etc.</u> Shares of Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Option shall bear such legends as may be determined by the Committee prior to issuance. An Employee shall have no shareholder rights, including the right to vote or receive dividends, until such Shares are issued.
- 6. <u>Transfer of Option</u>. This Option is not transferable by the Employee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.
- 7. <u>Effect on Employment</u>. Neither the grant of this Option, nor the issuance of Shares upon exercise of this Option shall give the Employee any right to be retained in the employ of the Company or its Subsidiaries, affect the right of the Company or its Subsidiaries to discharge or discipline the Employee at any time or affect any right of Employee to terminate his employment at any time.
- 8. <u>Certain Important Tax Matters</u>. The Employee expressly acknowledges that the Employee's rights hereunder, including the right to be issued Shares upon exercise of Options, are subject to the Employee promptly paying to the Company in cash (or by such other means as may be acceptable to the Committee in its discretion) all taxes required to be withheld under the terms of the Plan. The Employee also authorizes the Company or its Subsidiaries to withhold such amount from any amounts otherwise owed to the Employee.
- 9. <u>Provisions of the Plan</u>. This Option is subject in its entirety to the provisions of the Plan, which are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Plan as in effect on the date

of the grant of this Option has been furnished to the Employee. By exercising all or any part of this Option, the Employee agrees to be bound by the terms of the Plan and this Option. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Option and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.

- 10. <u>Non-Compete, Non-Solicitation; Confidentiality.</u>
- In further consideration of the Award granted to Employee hereunder, Employee acknowledges and agrees that (a) during the course of Employee's employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries Employee shall become familiar, and during Employee's employment with the predecessors of the Company and its Subsidiaries, Employee has become familiar, with the Company's trade secrets and with other confidential information and that Employee's services have been and shall be of special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and its Subsidiaries, and therefore, Employee agrees that, during his or her employment with the Company and, if the Employee terminates his or her employment with the Company for any reason, for a period of one year thereafter (the "Non-Compete Period"), Employee shall not directly or indirectly (whether as an owner, partner, shareholder, agent, officer, director, employee, independent contractor, consultant or otherwise) own any interest in, operate, invest in, manage, control, participate in, consult with, render services for (alone or in association with any person or entity), in any manner engage in any business activity on behalf of a Competing Business within any geographical area in which the Company or its Subsidiaries currently operates or plans to operate. Nothing herein shall prohibit Employee from being a passive owner of not more than 2% of the outstanding stock of any class of a corporation which is publicly traded, so long as Employee has no active participation in the business of such corporation. For purposes of this paragraph, "Competing Business" means each of the following entities, together with their respective subsidiaries and affiliates: TJ Maxx, Marshall's, Ross Stores, Steinmart, Century 21, Forman Mills and Schottenstein Stores.
- (b) During the Non-Compete Period, Employee shall not, directly or indirectly, and shall ensure that any person or entity controlled by Employee does not, (i) induce or attempt to induce any employee of the Company or any Subsidiary to leave the employ of the Company or such Subsidiary, or in any way interfere with the relationship between the Company or any Subsidiary and any employee thereof, (ii) hire, directly or through another person, any person (whether or not solicited) who was an Employee of the Company or any Subsidiary at any time within the one year period before Employee's termination from employment, (iii) induce or attempt to induce any customer, supplier, licensee, licensor, franchisee or other business relation of the Company or any Subsidiary to cease doing business with the Company or such Subsidiary, assist any Competing Business or in any way interfere with the relationship between any such customer, supplier, licensee or business relation and the Company or any Subsidiary (Employee understands that any person or entity that Employee contacted during the one year period prior to the date the Employee's employment ceases for the purpose of soliciting sales from such person or entity shall be regarded as a "potential customer" of the

Company and its Subsidiaries as to whom the Company has a protectible proprietary interest) or (iv) make or solicit or encourage others to make or solicit directly or indirectly any defamatory statement or communication about the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, products, services or activities (it being understood that such restriction shall not prohibit truthful testimony compelled by valid legal process).

- Employee acknowledges and agrees that the information, observations and data (including trade secrets) (c) obtained by Employee while employed by the Company and its Subsidiaries concerning the business or affairs of the Company and its Subsidiaries are the confidential information ("Confidential Information"), and the property, of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries. Without limiting the foregoing, the term "Confidential Information" shall be interpreted as broadly as possible to include all observations, data and other information of any sort that are (i) related to any past, current or potential business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective predecessors, and any other business related to any of the foregoing, and (ii) not generally known to and available for use by those within the line of business or industry of the Company or by the public (except to the extent such information has become generally known to and available for use by the public as a direct or indirect result of Employee's acts or omissions) including all (A) work product; (B) information concerning development, acquisition or investment opportunities in or reasonably related to the business or industry of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of which Employee is aware or becomes aware during the term of his employment; (C) information identifying or otherwise concerning any current, former or prospective suppliers, distributors, contractors, agents or customers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (D) development, transition, integration and transformation plans, methodologies, processes and methods of doing business; (E) strategic, marketing, promotional and financial information (including all financial statements), business and expansion plans, including plans and information regarding planned, projected and/or potential sales, pricing, discount and cost information; (F) information identifying or otherwise concerning employees, independent contractors and consultants; (G) information on new and existing programs and services, prices, terms, and related information; (H) the terms of this Award Agreement; (I) all information marked, or otherwise designated, as confidential by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or which Employee should reasonably know is confidential or proprietary information of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (J) all information or materials similar or related to any of the foregoing, in whatever form or medium, whether now existing or arising hereafter (and regardless of whether merely stored in the mind of Employee or employees or consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or embodied in a tangible form or medium); and (K) all tangible embodiments of any of the foregoing.
- (d) Therefore, Employee agrees that, except as required by law or court order, including, without limitation, depositions, interrogatories, court testimony, and the like (and in such case provided that Employee must give the Company and/or

its Subsidiaries, as applicable, prompt written notice of any such legal requirement, disclose no more information than is so required and seek, at the Company's sole cost and expense, confidential treatment where available and cooperate fully with all efforts by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries to obtain a protective order or similar confidentiality treatment for such information), Employee shall not disclose to any unauthorized person or entity or use for Employee's own purposes any Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Board, unless and to the extent that the Confidential Information becomes generally known to and available for use by the public other than as a direct or indirect result of Employee's acts or omissions. Employee shall deliver to the Company at the time Employee's employment ceases, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records, reports, computer tapes, printouts and software and other documents and data (and copies thereof) embodying or relating to the Confidential Information (including any work product) or the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries which Employee may then possess or have under Employee's control and if, at any time thereafter, any such materials are brought to Employee's attention or Employee discovers them in his possession or control, Employee shall deliver such materials to the Company immediately upon such notice or discovery.

(e) Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), "an individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that-(A) is made-(i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal." Accordingly, the Employee has the right to disclose in confidence trade secrets to Federal, State, and local government officials, or to an attorney, for the sole purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law. The Employee also has the right to disclose trade secrets in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, but only if the filing is made under seal and protected from public disclosure. Nothing in this Award Agreement is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b).

11. <u>Enforcement</u>.

Employee acknowledges and agrees that the Company entered into this Award Agreement in reliance on the provisions of Section 10 and the enforcement of this Award Agreement is necessary to ensure the preservation, protection and continuity of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries and other Confidential Information and goodwill of the Company and its Subsidiaries to the extent and for the periods of time expressly agreed to herein. Employee acknowledges and agrees that he has carefully read this Award Agreement and has given careful consideration to the restraints imposed upon Employee by this Award Agreement, and is in full accord as to their necessity for the reasonable and proper protection of confidential and proprietary information of the Company and its Subsidiaries now existing or to be developed in the future. Employee

- expressly acknowledges and agrees that each and every restraint imposed by this Award Agreement is reasonable with respect to subject matter, time period and geographical area.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, the Company or its Subsidiaries may pursue, at its discretion, enforcement of Section 10 in any court of competent jurisdiction (each, a "Court").
- (c) Whenever possible, each provision of this Award Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Award Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or any other jurisdiction, but this Award Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. More specifically, if any Court determines that any of the covenants set forth in Section 10 are overbroad or unreasonable under applicable law in duration, geographical area or scope, the parties to this Award Agreement specifically agree and authorize such Court to rewrite this Award Agreement to reflect the maximum duration, geographical area and/or scope permitted under applicable law.
- (d) Because Employee's services are unique and because Employee has intimate knowledge of and access to confidential information and work product, the parties hereto agree that money damages would not be an adequate remedy for any breach of Section 10, and any breach of the terms of Section 10 would result in irreparable injury and damage to the Company and its Subsidiaries for which the Company and its Subsidiaries would have no adequate remedy at law. Therefore, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of Section 10, the Company or its successors or assigns, in addition to any other rights and remedies existing in their favor at law or in equity, shall be entitled to specific performance and/or immediate injunctive or other equitable relief from a Court in order to enforce, or prevent any violations of, the provisions hereof (without posting a bond or other security), without having to prove damages. The terms of this Section 11 shall not prevent the Company or any of its Subsidiaries from pursuing any other available remedies for any breach or threatened breach of this Award Agreement, including the recovery of damages from Employee.
- 12. <u>General</u>. For purposes of this Option and any determinations to be made by the Committee hereunder, the determinations by the Committee shall be binding upon the Employee and any transferee.
- 13. <u>Governing Law</u>. All questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Award Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the choice of law principles thereof.
- 14. <u>Entire Agreement; Amendment</u>. This Award Agreement, together with the Plan, contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter

contained herein, and supersedes all prior agreements or prior understandings, whether written or oral, between the parties relating to such subject matter. The Committee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to modify or amend this Award Agreement from time to time in accordance with and as provided in the Plan. This Award Agreement may also be modified or amended by a writing signed by both the Company and the Employee. The Company shall give written notice to the Employee of any such modification or amendment of this Award Agreement as soon as practicable after the adoption thereof.

- 15. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The issuance of the Option (and the Shares upon exercise of the Option) pursuant to this Award Agreement shall be subject to, and shall comply with, any applicable requirements of any foreign and U.S. federal and state securities laws, rules and regulations (including, without limitation, the provisions of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and in each case any respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) and any other law or regulation applicable thereto. The Company shall not be obligated to issue the Option or any of the Shares pursuant to this Award Agreement if any such issuance would violate any such requirements.
- 16. <u>Section 409A</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the Plan to the contrary, the Option is intended to be exempt from the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent.
- 17. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Award Agreement in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remainder of this Award Agreement in such jurisdiction or the validity, legality or enforceability of any provision of this Award Agreement in any other jurisdiction, it being intended that all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Company and Employee each have executed this Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement as of the date indicated below.

THE COMPANY:	BURLINGTON STORES, INC.
	Ву:
	Name:
	Title:
	Date:
The Employee:	
	Name:
	Date:

RESTRICTED STOCK GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO BURLINGTON STORES, INC. 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

2013 UMINIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN
THIS AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Award Agreement") is entered into as ofbetween Burlington Stores, Inc. (formerly Burlington Holdings, Inc.), a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and (the "Participant"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan").
<u>Recitals</u>
WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of Burlington Stores, Inc.;
WHEREAS, the Company has adopted the Plan providing for the grant under certain circumstances of certain equity incentive awards, including shares of Restricted Stock;
WHEREAS, the Company, under the terms and conditions set forth below, desires to grant Participant an Award of Restricted Stock (the "Award") pursuant to the terms set forth in the Plan; and
WHEREAS, in consideration of the grant of the Award and other benefits, the Participant is willing to accept the Award provided for in this Award Agreement and is willing to abide by the obligations imposed on him under this Award Agreement and the Plan.
<u>Provisions</u>
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits hereinafter provided, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the Company and the Participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:
1. Restricted Stock Award. The Company hereby grants to the Participant, subject to the terms and conditions set forth or incorporated herein, an Award consisting of a total of shares of Common Stock, subject to adjustment under the Plan (the "Shares"). Upon the execution and delivery of this Award Agreement, the Company will, subject to Section 5 below, issue to the Participant the Shares granted hereunder, and such Shares shall constitute Restricted Stock pursuant to the Plan.
2. <u>Effect of the Plan</u> . The Award granted under this Award Agreement is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Award Agreement. The Participant will abide by, and the Award granted to the Participant will be subject to, all of the provisions of the Plan and of this Award Agreement, together with all rules and determinations from time to time issued by the Committee established to administer the Plan.

- 3. <u>Restriction Period</u>. The restriction period applicable to the Award granted hereunder is as follows:
- (a) All Shares shall be unvested at issuance. Subject to Section 3(b) below, 25% of the Shares shall vest on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversary date of this Award Agreement (or the following business day if such date is not a business day) if the Participant remains continuously employed by the Company on such date.
- (b) Following a Change in Control, vesting of unvested Shares shall not accelerate by reason of such Change in Control; provided, however, that 100% of the Shares shall vest if, within the two year period immediately following a Change in Control, the employment of the Participant is terminated by the Company or by a Subsidiary without Cause, or the Participant resigns with Good Reason. Notwithstanding anything in this Award Agreement or in the Plan to the contrary, for purposes of this agreement, if the Participant is a party to an employment agreement with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries at the time the Participant's employment with the Company or its Subsidiary ceases, "Cause" and "Good Reason" shall have the meaning provided in the terms of such employment agreement. If the Participant is not a party to an employment agreement with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries at the time the Participant's employment with the Company or its Subsidiary ceases, "Cause" and "Good Reason" shall have the meaning provided in the terms of the Burlington Stores, Inc. Executive Severance Plan.
- (c) All unvested Shares shall automatically be forfeited (and shall not vest) if the Participant's employment with the Company shall terminate for any reason (other than as provided in Section 3(b) above in the case of termination by the Company without Cause or by the Participant for Good Reason following a Change in Control) prior to the date on which they otherwise would have vested pursuant to Section 3(a) above.
- (d) Participant shall be entitled to receipt of all dividends paid by the Company on its Shares, as and when such dividends are declared and paid to holders of Shares; provided, any dividends on unvested Shares shall be held and paid to Participant on the date such Shares become vested.
- 4. <u>Withholding Taxes</u>. The Committee may make such provision for any applicable federal or state withholding obligations of the Company pursuant to Section 14.4 of the Plan. Participant shall deliver to the Company an amount in cash sufficient to satisfy all United States federal, state and local and non-United States tax of any kind (including Participant's FICA and SDI obligations) which the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems necessary to be withheld or remitted with respect to the Shares in order to comply with the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and/or any other applicable law, rule or regulation (the "Minimum Withholding Tax"). Alternatively, the Company shall have the right and power to deduct or withhold a number of Shares having a Fair Market Value (as determined by the Committee as of

the date of vesting thereof) equal to the Minimum Withholding Tax. Participant shall remain responsible for the payment of any remaining taxes payable on account of the vesting of Shares.

- 5. <u>Delivery of Stock.</u> Shares granted pursuant to this Award Agreement may be held in escrow by the Company on the Participant's behalf during any period of restriction thereon, and in such circumstance, will bear an appropriate legend specifying the applicable restrictions thereon. Alternatively, at the Company's discretion, shares may be held by the Company or its transfer agent on the Participant's behalf in book entry form. Whenever Shares subject to the Award are released from restriction, the Company shall issue such unrestricted Shares. The Company shall follow all requisite procedures to deliver such Shares to Participant; provided, however, that such delivery may be postponed to enable the Company to comply with applicable procedures, regulations or listing requirements of any governmental agency, stock exchange or regulatory agency.
- 6. <u>Transferability of Award</u>. This Award may only be transferred by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. The terms of this Award, including the restriction and vesting provisions set forth in Section 3, shall be binding upon the executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Participant.
- 7. <u>Adjustment Upon Changes in Shares</u>. In the event of a Section 4.2 Event, the adjustments provided for in Section 4.2(b) of the Plan shall be made to the number of Shares subject to the Award hereunder.
- 8. <u>Section 83(b) Election</u>. Participant agrees to inform the Company promptly, and provide a copy of the election filed by the Participant with the Internal Revenue Service, if the Participant makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to treat any portion of this Award as taxable compensation prior to the time the restrictions are removed from the Shares subject to this Award.
- 9. <u>Amendments; Termination of Plan.</u> The Board may amend this Award or terminate the Plan in accordance with Section 12.1 of the Plan.
- 10. <u>Interpretation</u>. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Award shall be submitted by Participant or the Company to the Committee, which shall review such dispute at its next regular meeting. The resolution of such a dispute by the Committee shall be final and binding on the Company and on the Participant.
- 11. <u>Notices</u>. All notices to the Company must be in writing, addressed and delivered or mailed to 2006 Route 130 North, Burlington, NJ 08016, Attention: General Counsel. All notices to the Participant must be in writing addressed and delivered or mailed to Participant at the address shown on the records of the Company.
- 12. <u>Governing Law; Severability.</u> This Award Agreement, and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant thereto, shall be governed under the laws of the State of Delaware. If any part of this Award Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such part shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, without affecting the remaining portions hereof.

Defend Trade Secrets Act. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), "an individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that-(A) is made-(i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal." Accordingly, the Participant has the right to disclose in confidence trade secrets to Federal, State, and local government officials, or to an attorney, for the sole purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law. The Participant also has the right to disclose trade secrets in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, but only if the filing is made under seal and protected from public disclosure. Nothing in this Award Agreement is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b).

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	IN WITNESS	WHEREOF,	the parties h	ereto have	caused this	Award	Agreement	to be dul	y executed	as of th	e date f	rst
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BURLINGTON STORES, INC.

By: Name: Title:

ACCEPTANCE

Participant hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan, represents that Participant has read and understands the terms and provisions thereof, and accepts this Award subject to all the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Award Agreement. Participant acknowledges that there may be adverse tax consequences associated with this Award or disposition of the Shares associated with this Award and that Participant should consult a tax adviser.

Participant

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RESTRICTED STOCK GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO BURLINGTON STORES, INC. 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

THIS AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Award Agreement") is entered into as ofbetween Burlington Stores, Inc. (formerly Burlington Holdings, Inc.), a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and (the "Participant"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Burlington Stores, Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan").
<u>Recitals</u>
WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of Burlington Stores, Inc.;
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WHEREAS, the Company, under the terms and conditions set forth below, desires to grant Participant an Award of Restricted Stock (the "Award") pursuant to the terms set forth in the Plan; and
WHEREAS, in consideration of the grant of the Award and other benefits, the Participant is willing to accept the Award provided for in this Award Agreement and is willing to abide by the obligations imposed on him under this Award Agreement and the Plan.
<u>Provisions</u>
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits hereinafter provided, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the Company and the Participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:
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2. <u>Effect of the Plan</u> . The Award granted under this Award Agreement is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Award Agreement. The Participant will abide by, and the Award granted to the Participant will be subject to, all of the provisions of the Plan and of this Award Agreement, together with all rules and determinations from time to time issued by the Committee established to administer the Plan.

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- (b) Following a Change in Control, vesting of unvested Shares shall not accelerate by reason of such Change in Control; provided, however, that 100% of the Shares shall vest if, within the one year period immediately following a Change in Control, the employment of the Participant is terminated by the Company or by a Subsidiary without Cause.
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- (d) Participant shall be entitled to receipt of all dividends paid by the Company on its Shares, as and when such dividends are declared and paid to holders of Shares; provided, any dividends on unvested Shares shall be held and paid to Participant on the date such Shares become vested.
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procedures, regulations or listing requirements of any governmental agency, stock exchange or regulatory agency.

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- 10. <u>Interpretation</u>. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Award shall be submitted by Participant or the Company to the Committee, which shall review such dispute at its next regular meeting. The resolution of such a dispute by the Committee shall be final and binding on the Company and on the Participant.
- 11. <u>Notices</u>. All notices to the Company must be in writing, addressed and delivered or mailed to 2006 Route 130 North, Burlington, NJ 08016, Attention: General Counsel. All notices to the Participant must be in writing addressed and delivered or mailed to Participant at the address shown on the records of the Company.
- 12. <u>Governing Law; Severability</u>. This Award Agreement, and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant thereto, shall be governed under the laws of the State of Delaware. If any part of this Award Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such part shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, without affecting the remaining portions hereof.
 - 13. <u>Non-Compete, Non-Solicitation; Confidentiality.</u>
 - (a) In further consideration of the Award granted to Participant hereunder, Participant acknowledges and agrees that during the course of Participant's employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries Participant shall become familiar, and during Participant's employment with the predecessors of the Company and its Subsidiaries, Participant has become familiar, with the Company's trade secrets and with other confidential information and that Participant's services have been and shall be of special, unique and extraordinary value to the Company and its Subsidiaries, and therefore, Participant agrees that, during his or her employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries and, if the Participant terminates his or her

employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries for any reason, for a period of one year thereafter (the "Non-Compete Period"), Participant shall not directly or indirectly (whether as an owner, partner, shareholder, agent, officer, director, employee, independent contractor, consultant or otherwise) own any interest in, operate, invest in, manage, control, participate in, consult with, render services for (alone or in association with any person or entity), in any manner engage in any business activity on behalf of a Competing Business within any geographical area in which the Company or its Subsidiaries currently operates or plans to operate. Nothing herein shall prohibit Participant from being a passive owner of not more than 2% of the outstanding stock of any class of a corporation which is publicly traded, so long as Participant has no active participation in the business of such corporation. For purposes of this paragraph, "Competing Business" means each of the following entities, together with their respective subsidiaries and affiliates: TJ Maxx, Marshall's, Ross Stores, Steinmart, Century 21, Forman Mills and Schottenstein Stores.

- (b) During the Non-Compete Period, Participant shall not, directly or indirectly, and shall ensure that any person or entity controlled by Participant does not, (i) induce or attempt to induce any employee of the Company or any Subsidiary to leave the employ of the Company or such Subsidiary, or in any way interfere with the relationship between the Company or any Subsidiary and any employee thereof, (ii) hire, directly or through another person, any person (whether or not solicited) who was an Participant of the Company or any Subsidiary at any time within the one year period before Participant's termination from employment, (iii) induce or attempt to induce any customer, supplier, licensee, licensor, franchisee or other business relation of the Company or any Subsidiary to cease doing business with the Company or such Subsidiary, assist any Competing Business or in any way interfere with the relationship between any such customer, supplier, licensee or business relation and the Company or any Subsidiary (Participant understands that any person or entity that Participant contacted during the one year period prior to the date Participant's employment ceases for the purpose of soliciting sales from such person or entity shall be regarded as a "potential customer" of the Company and its Subsidiaries as to whom the Company has a protectible proprietary interest) or (iv) make or solicit or encourage others to make or solicit directly or indirectly any defamatory statement or communication about the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, products, services or activities (it being understood that such restriction shall not prohibit truthful testimony compelled by valid legal process).
- (c) Participant acknowledges and agrees that the information, observations and data (including trade secrets) obtained by Participant while employed by the Company and its Subsidiaries concerning the business or affairs of the Company and its Subsidiaries are the confidential information ("Confidential Information"), and the property, of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries. Without limiting the foregoing, the term "Confidential Information" shall be interpreted as broadly as possible to include all observations, data and other information of any sort that are (i) related to any past, current or potential business of the Company or any of its

Subsidiaries or any of their respective predecessors, and any other business related to any of the foregoing, and (ii) not generally known to and available for use by those within the line of business or industry of the Company or by the public (except to the extent such information has become generally known to and available for use by the public as a direct or indirect result of Participant's acts or omissions) including all (A) work product; (B) information concerning development, acquisition or investment opportunities in or reasonably related to the business or industry of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of which Participant is aware or becomes aware during the term of his employment; (C) information identifying or otherwise concerning any current, former or prospective suppliers, distributors, contractors, agents or customers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (D) development, transition, integration and transformation plans, methodologies, processes and methods of doing business; (E) strategic, marketing, promotional and financial information (including all financial statements), business and expansion plans, including plans and information regarding planned, projected and/or potential sales, pricing, discount and cost information; (F) information identifying or otherwise concerning Participants, independent contractors and consultants; (G) information on new and existing programs and services, prices, terms, and related information; (H) the terms of this Award Agreement; (I) all information marked, or otherwise designated, as confidential by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or which Participant should reasonably know is confidential or proprietary information of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (J) all information or materials similar or related to any of the foregoing, in whatever form or medium, whether now existing or arising hereafter (and regardless of whether merely stored in the mind of Participant or Participants or consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or embodied in a tangible form or medium); and (K) all tangible embodiments of any of the foregoing.

(d) Therefore, Participant agrees that, except as required by law or court order, including, without limitation, depositions, interrogatories, court testimony, and the like (and in such case provided that Participant must give the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, prompt written notice of any such legal requirement, disclose no more information than is so required and seek, at the Company's sole cost and expense, confidential treatment where available and cooperate fully with all efforts by the Company and/or its Subsidiaries to obtain a protective order or similar confidentiality treatment for such information), Participant shall not disclose to any unauthorized person or entity or use for Participant's own purposes any Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Board, unless and to the extent that the Confidential Information becomes generally known to and available for use by the public other than as a direct or indirect result of Participant's acts or omissions. Participant shall deliver to the Company at the time Participant's employment ceases, or at any other time the Company may request, all memoranda, notes, plans, records, reports, computer tapes, printouts and software and other documents and data (and copies thereof) embodying or relating to the Confidential Information (including any work product) or the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries which

Participant may then possess or have under Participant's control and if, at any time thereafter, any such materials are brought to Participant's attention or Participant discovers them in his possession or control, Participant shall deliver such materials to the Company immediately upon such notice or discovery.

14. <u>Enforcement.</u>

- (a) Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Company entered into this Award Agreement in reliance on the provisions of Section 13 and the enforcement of this Award Agreement is necessary to ensure the preservation, protection and continuity of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries and other Confidential Information and goodwill of the Company and its Subsidiaries to the extent and for the periods of time expressly agreed to herein. Participant acknowledges and agrees that he has carefully read this Award Agreement and has given careful consideration to the restraints imposed upon Participant by this Award Agreement, and is in full accord as to their necessity for the reasonable and proper protection of confidential and proprietary information of the Company and its Subsidiaries now existing or to be developed in the future. Participant expressly acknowledges and agrees that each and every restraint imposed by this Award Agreement is reasonable with respect to subject matter, time period and geographical area.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, the Company or its Subsidiaries may pursue, at its discretion, enforcement of Section 13 in any court of competent jurisdiction (each, a "Court").
- (c) Whenever possible, each provision of this Award Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Award Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or any other jurisdiction, but this Award Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. More specifically, if any Court determines that any of the covenants set forth in Section 13 are overbroad or unreasonable under applicable law in duration, geographical area or scope, the parties to this Award Agreement specifically agree and authorize such Court to rewrite this Award Agreement to reflect the maximum duration, geographical area and/or scope permitted under applicable law.
- (d) Because Participant's services are unique and because Participant has intimate knowledge of and access to confidential information and work product, the parties hereto agree that money damages would not be an adequate remedy for any breach of Section 13, and any breach of the terms of Section 13 would result in irreparable injury and damage to the Company and its Subsidiaries for which the Company and its Subsidiaries would have no adequate remedy at law. Therefore, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of Section 13, the Company or its

successors or assigns, in addition to any other rights and remedies existing in their favor at law or in equity, shall be entitled to specific performance and/or immediate injunctive or other equitable relief from a Court in order to enforce, or prevent any violations of, the provisions hereof (without posting a bond or other security), without having to prove damages. The terms of this Section 14 shall not prevent the Company or any of its Subsidiaries from pursuing any other available remedies for any breach or threatened breach of this Award Agreement, including the recovery of damages from Participant.

Defend Trade Secrets Act. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), "an individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that-(A) is made-(i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal." Accordingly, the Participant has the right to disclose in confidence trade secrets to Federal, State, and local government officials, or to an attorney, for the sole purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law. The Participant also has the right to disclose trade secrets in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, but only if the filing is made under seal and protected from public disclosure. Nothing in this Award Agreement is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b).

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	By: Name: Title:
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Participant hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan, representations thereof, and accepts this Award subject to all the Agreement. Participant acknowledges that there may be adverse tax of Shares associated with this Award and that Participant should consult a	ne terms and conditions of the Plan and this Award consequences associated with this Award or disposition of the
Participant	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Award Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first

above written.

RESTRICTED STOCK GRANT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO BURLINGTON STORES, INC. 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

THIS AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Award Agreement") is entered into as of	_between Burlington
Stores, Inc. (formerly Burlington Holdings, Inc.), a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and _	(the
"Participant"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Burling	ton Stores, Inc. 2013
Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan").	

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Participant is a director of Burlington Stores, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Company has adopted the Plan providing for the grant under certain circumstances of certain equity incentive awards, including shares of Restricted Stock;

WHEREAS, the Company, under the terms and conditions set forth below, desires to grant Participant an Award of Restricted Stock (the "Award") pursuant to the terms set forth in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the grant of the Award and other benefits, the Participant is willing to accept the Award provided for in this Award Agreement and is willing to abide by the obligations imposed on him under this Award Agreement and the Plan.

Provisions

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits hereinafter provided, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the Company and the Participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Restricted Stock Award. The Company hereby grants to the Participant, subject to the terms and conditions set forth or incorporated herein, an Award consisting of a total of _______ shares of Common Stock, subject to adjustment under the Plan (the "Shares"). Upon the execution and delivery of this Award Agreement, the Company will, subject to Section 5 below, issue to the Participant the Shares granted hereunder, and such Shares shall constitute Restricted Stock pursuant to the Plan.
- 2. <u>Effect of the Plan</u>. The Award granted under this Award Agreement is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Award Agreement. The Participant will abide by, and the Award granted to the Participant will be subject to, all of the provisions of the Plan and of this Award Agreement, together with all rules and determinations from time to time issued by the Committee established to administer the Plan.
 - 3. <u>Restriction Period</u>. The restriction period applicable to the Award granted

hereunder is as follows:

(a)	All Shares shall be unvested at issuance. Subject to Section 3(b) below, (i)	
()	on the first anniversary date of this Award Agreement (or the following business	
	business day) if the Participant remains on the Board on such date; (ii)	
	the second anniversary date of this Award Agreement (or the following business	ss day if such date is not a
	business day) if the Participant remains on the Board on such date; and (iii)	of the Shares shall vest
	on the third anniversary date of this Award Agreement (or the following busine	ss day if such date is not a
	business day) if the Participant remains on the Board on such date.	

- (b) Following a Change in Control, vesting of unvested Shares shall not accelerate by reason of such Change in Control; provided, however, that 100% of the Shares shall vest if, within the two year period immediately following a Change in Control, the Participant loses his directorship.
- (c) All unvested Shares shall automatically be forfeited (and shall not vest) if the Participant ceases to be a member of the Board for any reason (other than as provided in Section 3(b) above in the case Participant loses his directorship within the two year period immediately following a Change in Control) prior to the date on which they otherwise would have vested pursuant to Section 3(a) above.
- (d) Participant shall be entitled to receipt of all dividends paid by the Company on its Shares, as and when such dividends are declared and paid to holders of Shares; provided, any dividends on unvested Shares shall be held and paid to Participant on the date such Shares become vested.
- 4. <u>Withholding Taxes</u>. The Committee may make such provision for any applicable federal, state, or local withholding obligations of the Company required by law pursuant to Section 14.4 of the Plan. Participant shall remain responsible for the payment of any remaining taxes payable on account of the vesting of Shares.
- 5. <u>Delivery of Stock</u>. Shares granted pursuant to this Award Agreement may be held in escrow by the Company on the Participant's behalf during any period of restriction thereon, and in such circumstance, will bear an appropriate legend specifying the applicable restrictions thereon. Alternatively, at the Company's discretion, shares may be held by the Company or its transfer agent on the Participant's behalf in book entry form. Whenever Shares subject to the Award are released from restriction, the Company shall issue such unrestricted Shares. The Company shall follow all requisite procedures to deliver such Shares to Participant; provided, however, that such delivery may be postponed to enable the Company to comply with applicable procedures, regulations or listing requirements of any governmental agency, stock exchange or regulatory agency.
- 6. <u>Transferability of Award</u>. This Award may only be transferred by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. The terms of this Award, including the restriction and vesting provisions set forth in Section 3, shall be binding upon the executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Participant.

- 7. <u>Adjustment Upon Changes in Shares</u>. In the event of a Section 4.2 Event, the adjustments provided for in Section 4.2(b) of the Plan shall be made to the number of Shares subject to the Award hereunder.
- 8. <u>Section 83(b) Election</u>. Participant agrees to inform the Company promptly, and provide a copy of the election filed by the Participant with the Internal Revenue Service, if the Participant makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to treat any portion of this Award as taxable compensation prior to the time the restrictions are removed from the Shares subject to this Award.
- 9. <u>Amendments; Termination of Plan</u>. The Board may amend this Award or terminate the Plan in accordance with Section 12.1 of the Plan.
- 10. <u>Interpretation</u>. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Award shall be submitted by Participant or the Company to the Committee, which shall review such dispute at its next regular meeting. The resolution of such a dispute by the Committee shall be final and binding on the Company and on the Participant.
- 11. <u>Notices</u>. All notices to the Company must be in writing, addressed and delivered or mailed to 2006 Route 130 North, Burlington, NJ 08016, Attention: General Counsel. All notices to the Participant must be in writing addressed and delivered or mailed to Participant at the address shown on the records of the Company.
- 12. <u>Governing Law; Severability</u>. This Award Agreement, and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant thereto, shall be governed under the laws of the State of Delaware. If any part of this Award Agreement shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such part shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, without affecting the remaining portions hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above written.	parties hereto have caused this Award Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first
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	By: Name: Title:
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and provisions thereof, and accepts this	ot of a copy of the Plan, represents that Participant has read and understands the terms Award subject to all the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Award Agreement. It is a deverse tax consequences associated with this Award or disposition of the Shares icipant should consult a tax adviser.
Participant	

AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Amendment") is made as of May 19, 2017 by Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Jennifer Vecchio ("Executive").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company and Executive entered into that certain Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as July 28, 2015 (the "Employment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the Employment Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The last sentence of Section 3(b) of the Employment Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:
 - "Except as otherwise provided in Section 4(b)(i), bonuses under any bonus plan (including, without limitation, the Company's Management Bonus Plan) are forfeited and not payable in the event that Executive is not employed by the Company on the payment date of any such bonus."
- 2. Section 4(b)(i) of the Employment Agreement is amended in its entirety to read as follows:
 - "(i) (A) by resolution of the Board (other than for Cause) or by Executive resigning for Good Reason or (B) if the Employment Period expires on the Expiration Date, Executive shall be entitled to receive (1) all previously earned and accrued but unpaid Base Salary and vacation and unpaid business expenses up to the date of such termination or the Expiration Date, as applicable, (2) any unpaid bonus earned by Executive for the fiscal year prior to the Termination Year or the Expiration Year, as applicable, but then unpaid, (3) the pro rata portion of Executive's Target Bonus (pursuant to Section 3(b) hereof) during the Termination Year or the Expiration Year, as applicable, to the extent targets thereunder are achieved for such year, after such termination or expiration, pro rated based on the number of days of the Termination Year or the Expiration Year, as applicable, which payment shall be made when the bonus payments for such Termination Year or the Expiration Year, as applicable, are otherwise due, (4) severance pay in the full amount of Base Salary at the time of termination or expiration from the date of termination or the Expiration Date, as applicable, through the period ending on the first anniversary of the

date of termination or the Expiration Date, as applicable, and (5) full continuation of Executive's medical, dental and vision insurance benefits during the one year severance period (but only to the extent such medical, dental and vision insurance benefits were previously elected by Executive and in effect immediately prior to the date of termination of the Employment Period or Expiration Date, as applicable; to the extent any of those benefits cannot be provided by the Company during the one year severance period, the Company will provide Executive with a sum of money calculated to permit Executive to obtain the same benefits individually, grossed up for tax purposes so that Executive remains whole)."

- 3. Except as specifically set forth herein, the Employment Agreement and all of its terms and conditions remain in full force and effect, and the Employment Agreement is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects, except that on or after the date of this Amendment all references in the Employment Agreement to "this Agreement," "hereto," "hereof," "hereunder," or words of like import shall mean the Employment Agreement as amended by this Amendment.
- 4. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and such counterpart together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5. This Amendment, including the validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Amendment, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in such State, without regard to such State's conflicts of law principles.
- 6. This Amendment shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto. The Employment Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.

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SIGNATURE PAGE TO AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date first written above.

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Joyce Manning Magrini</u>

Name: Joyce Manning Magrini

Title: Executive Vice President – Human Resources

EXECUTIVE

By: /s/ Jennifer Vecchio

Jennifer Vecchio