THIS JOINT AGREEMENT OF MERGER, MADE AS OF THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARS, 1975; (HEREINAFTER CALLED "AGREEMENT"), BY AND BETWEEN MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, (HEREINAFTER CALLED "MERCANTILE"), CASCADE MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION HEREINAFTER CALLED "CASCADE", BUHL MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "BURL", GLENNS FERRY MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "GLENNS FERRY", GOODING MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "GOODING", WEISER MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "MCCALL", MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED MOUNTAIN HOME, AND THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS, WHICH CORPORATIONS ARE HEREIN SOMETIMES CALLED "THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS", AND UNDER WHICH AGREEMENT MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY IS TO CONTINUE AS THE SURVIVING CORPORATION.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF MERCANTILE TO CONSOLIDATE A NUMBER OF SUBSIDIARIES OF SAID COMPANY INTO A SINGLE ENTITY, AND

WHEREAS, THIS IS DESIRED TO BE DONE PURSUANT TO A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 368 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 AS AMENDED:

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF MUTUAL AGREEMENTS HEREIN CONTAINED THE PARTIES REPRESENT, WARRANT AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. AUTHORIZED SHARES OF STOCK AND PAR VALUE, STOCK OUTSTANDING:
- (A) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF MERCANTILE CONSEST OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND SHARES (400,000) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00), EACH OF WHICH AT THE DATE HEREOF 179,983 SHARES ARE OUTSTANDING.
- (B) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF CASCADE CONSIST OF FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOLLARS (310.00), EACH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE HEREOF, FIVE THOUSAND SHARES ARE OUTSTANDING
- (c) The Authorized common shares of Buhl consist of Five Thousand, (5,000) of a par value of Ten Dollars (310.00) each, of which, at the date hereof, Five Thousand shares are outstanding
- (D) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF GLENNS FERRY CONSIST OF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (7,500) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10,00) EACH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE HEREOF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SHARES ARE OUTSTANDING.
- (E) The Authorized common shares of Gooding consist of Five Thousand, (5,000) of a par value of Ten Dollars (\$10,00) each, of which , at the date hereof, Five Thousand shares are outstanding.

- (F) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF TERSET CONS. ET OF SEVEN THOUSAND FEVE HUNDRED (7,500) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOLLARS (510.00) EACH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE HEREOF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SHARES ARE OUTSTANDING.
- (G) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF MCCALL CONSIST OF TEN THOUSAND (10,000) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOLLARS (310.00), EACH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE MEREOF TEN THOUSAND SHARES ARE OUTSTANDING.
- (H) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF MOUNTAIN HOME CONSIST OF TEN THOUSAND (10,000) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOLLARS (310,000) EAGH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE HEREOF TEN THOUSAND SHARES ARE GUTSTANDING.
- 2. ABREEMENT TO MERGE: THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE
  BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEEM IT ADVISABLE AND FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF EACH OF THE
  CORPORATIONS AND THEIR SHAREHOLDERS THAT CASCADE, BUHL, GLENNS FERRY, GOODING,
  Weiser, McCall and Mountain Home be merged with and into Mercantile as authorized
  by and pursuant to Section 30-151, Idaho Code, authorizing corporations organized under
  the laws of the State of Idaho to be merged into each other (said merger being
  hereinafter referred to as the "Merger"). Said Merger shall be effective on the
  Date of this agreement, and all of such corporations shall be a single corporation
  thereafter. The terms and conditions of the Merger and the mode of carrying the
  same into effect, and the manner and base of conventing the shares of each corporation
  into that of Mergantile are, and shall be, as hereinafter set forth.
- 3. Surviving Corporation: The parties hereby agree that Cascade, Buhlo Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Weiser, McCall and Mountain Home be, and they hereby are, merced with and into Mercantile to form a single corporation on the expective date of this Merger as hereinafter defined. Mercantile shall continue in existence as the corporation surviving the Merger, and as such is sometimes hereinafter called the "Surviving Corporation". The Surviving Corporation shall be a domestic corporation under the Laws of the State of Toaho.
- ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF MERCANTILE.

  AS AMENDED, SHALL, UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MERGER, BE, AND CONTINUE TO BE, UNTIL

  FURTHER AMENDED AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE SURVIVING

  CORPORATION, AND THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MERCANTILE EXCEPT AS HEREIN AMENDED,

  SHALL BE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SURVIVING CORPORATION, WHICH ARTICLES OF

  INCORPORATION ARE MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.

  MERCANTILE HEREBY AMENDS ITO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN

  DETAIL IN EXHIBIT MAN ATTACMED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN;

  SUCH AMENDMENTS.
- 5. BY-LAWS THE BY-LAWS OF MERCANTILE IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MERGER SHALL COST NUE IN EFFECT AS THE BY-LAWS OF THE SURVIVING CORPORATION, UNLESS AND UNTIL AMENDED OR REPEALED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW.

G. ATTERNAL BETTER OF STREETONS: THE EMPTEAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SURVIVING CORPORATION SHALL BE HARRY BETTIS, M. A. COMPTON, JOHN GILMORE, H. C. FLEENOR, E. R. JONES, J. C. JORDAN, ESTHER YRIBAR, AND M. DUNGAN

SUCH OFFICERS SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE HEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS AFTER THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING SUCCEEDING THE EPPECTIVE DATE OF THE MERGER, OR UNTIL THE ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS.

- 7. Conversion of Stock: The manner and basis of converting or otherwise dealing with the shares of each of the Constituent Corporations and sev forth in Exhibit 1881 Hereto, which exhibit is made a part hereby as effectively as if sev forth at length herein. The shares of Mercantole are not to be changed or converted as a result of the Merger, and all of the shares of the common stock of Mercantole outstanding at the effective date of this agreement shall remain outstanding, and shall be and be deemed fully paid and non-assessable, subject to the Provisions of this agreement.
  - 8. CONSOLIDATION OF CORPORATIONS: ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MERGER:
- (A) THE GONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS SHALL BECOME ONE CORPORATION, WHICH SHALL BE MERCANTILE, THE SURVIVING CORPORATION, AND THE SEPARATE EXISTENCE OF EACH OF THE OTHER CORPORATIONS SHALL CEASE, EXCEPT INSOFAR AS CONTINUED BY STATUTE.
- (B) THE SURVIVING CORPORATION SHALL THEREUPON AND THEREAFTER POSSESS ALL OF THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, POWERS AND FRANCHISES, PUBLIC AS WELL AS OF A PRIVATE NATURE, OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS, AND ALL THE PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL OR MIXED, OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS, AND ALL OF THE DEBTS DUE ON WHATSOEVER ACCOUNT TO ANY OF THEM, INCLUDING SUBSCRIPTIONS, IF ANY, FOR SHARES AND ALL OTHER THINGS IN ACTION BELONGING TO ANY OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS, SHALL BE TAKEN AND BE DEEMED TO SE TRANSFERRED TO AND VESTED IN, OR SHALL CONTINUE TO BE VESTED IN, THE SURVIVING CORPORATION, WITHOUT FURTHER ACT OR DEED AND SHALL BE THEREAFTER AS EXPECTUALLY THE PROPERTY OF THE SURVIVING CORPORATION AS THEY WERE OF THE RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS; AND THE TITLE TO ANY REAL PROPERTY, OR ANY INTERESY THEREIN, VESTED IN ANY OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS SHALL NOT REVERY OR
- (c) The Surviving Corporation shall henceporth be responsible for all of the Liabilities and obligations of any of the constituent Corporations in the same manner as if the Surviving Corporation had itself incurred such liabilities and obligations, or of their shareholders, directors, or officers, shall not be affected, hor shall the rights of creditors thereof, or of any person dealing with any of the Constituent Corporations, or any lien upon the property thereof (Limited to Liens to the property subjected thereto immediately prior to the effective date of the Merger) be impaired by the Merger. All claims existing or actions or proceedings pending by or against any of the Constituent Corporations shall de prosecuted to MERGER AGREEMENT, PAGE 3

JUDGMENT AS IF THE MERGER HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE, OR THE SURVIVING CORPORATION MAY BE PROCEEDED AGAINST OR SUBSTITUTED IN ITS PLACE ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE RESPECTIVE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TOAHO.

- 9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT: THIS AGREEMENT BHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS AT MEETINGS CALLED SEPARATELY FOR
  THAT PURPOSE, AND THE MERGER SHALL BESOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS
  AGREEMENT AND THE MERGER HEREIN PROVIDED FOR BY THE REQUISITE VOTE OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS AND THE SIBNING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEREOF WITH
  FILING AND RECORDING OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THE LAW OF THE
  STATE OF IDAHO MADE THEREAFTER. THE TERM "EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS MERGER" SHALL
  BE THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1975, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS REQUIRED HEREINS
  WHICH APPROVAL SHALL BE GIVEN NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1975, THE
  MERGER TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF SAID DATE IF APPROVEDS
- 10. Anything herein on elsewhere to the contrary notwithstanding, this agreement and the Merger herein provided for may be terminated and abandoned at any time before it becomes effective, as provided in paragraph 9 hereof, without action by the shareholders of any of the Constituent Corporations, by mutual consent of the Board of Directors of the Constituent Corporations.
- ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS AND OTHER UNDERSTANDINGS, AND NO AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BINDING UNLESS EXECUTED IN WRITING BY ALL THE PARTIES HERETO. A PARTY, HOWEVER HAY AGREE TO EXTEND THE TIME OF PERFORMANCE OF THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN, WAIVE ANY INACQURACIES OR OTHER VARIATIONS HEREIN, WAIVE ANY COMPLIANCE WITH ANY POSTION HEREOF, OR WAIVE ANY NEED OF OCCURRENCE OF ANY CONDITIONS HEREIN SET FORTE. THE HEADINGS IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE PURELY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTITUED PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT. NO WAIVER OF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ANY OTHER PORTION NOR A CONTINUEND WAIVER OF THE ITEM WAIVED.
- 12. BINDING EFFECT, COUNTERPART ORIGINALS: ALL THE TERMS, AGREEMENTS
  AND PROVISIONS HEREOF SHALL BE BINDING UPON AND INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE
  PARTIES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF FILING AND RECORDING, THIS
  AGREEMENT IS TO BE EXECUTED IN A NUMBER OF COUNTERPARTS, AND EACH SUCH COUNTERPART
  SHALL BE DEEMED AN ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT.
- 13. GOVERNING LAW: IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTIES THAT THESE ARTICLES OF MERGER MUST BE EXECUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AND THE RESPECTIVE CERTIFICATES HEREAFTER HAVE BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS APPLICABLE TO THE RESPECTIVE CORPORATIONS.

IN WITHESS WHEREOF, EACH OF THE	ONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS HAS CAUSED ITS
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO SIGN THESE	MAMES HERETO AND AFFER THEIR CORPORATE
SEALS HERETO, AS OF THE DATE OF THE C	PERTIFICATE OF EACH CORPORATION'S SEGRETARY.
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ON THES 31AL DAY & JONGARY 1973 DEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED, A MOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR DIRECTIVELY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY, ROBERT RADILO, V. L. ARESCHLAGER, REED VESTAL, W. L. CUMMINGS, MARRY FULCE, C. F. Top's, B. Jerts of EARD CORPORATIONS DEING ONE OF THE SCREON THAT EXECUTED THE ABOVE AND LORGODING HIGHRINGS, A C. COMPORATIONS OF EXECUTING OF CUCH SORPORATIONS EXECUTED THE ABOVE AND LORGODING HIGHRINGS, AND THAT EACH OF CUCH SORPORATIONS EXECUTENCE THE BANG, AND THAT EACH OF THEIR ACTIONS OF EXECUTING AND LORGODING AND SELECTIONS.

IN WITNESS WHIREOF, I HAVE HEREURTO BET MY HAND AND ATTIMED MY OFFICEAU.
SEAL THE DAY AND YEAR IN THE CERTIFICATE FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

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## EXECUTION BY MAJORITY OF DIRECTORS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED DIRECTORS, BEING A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS, AND HAVING VOTED IN PAYOR OF ENTERING THAT THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT OF MERGER AT THE DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE RESPECTIVE DORSTITUENT CORPORATIONS DULL GALLED, NOT GE AND REQULARLY RELO FOR THAT LORPOSE, HAVE SIGNED THEIR JAMES PERETU AND MAVE GAUSED THEIR RESPECTIVE CORPORATE SEALS OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS TO BE AFRICAD.

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## METHOD OF EXCHANGE OF CAPITAL STOCK

ALL OF THE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING STOCK OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS HEREIN, OTHER THAN MERCANTILE, CONSISTING OF THE STOCK AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, SHALL DE EXCHANGED BY MERCANTILE DELIVERING TO EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS. HEIR SHARES FOR AND IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OF THE ASSETS OF EACH CORPORATION AND EACH OF THE SHARES OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS. HELDWIND MAIL OF THEM.

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GLENNS FRREY MERCANTILE COMPANY	7,500
GOODING THE COMPANY	5,000
WEISER MEROASTILE COMPANY	7,500
MCCALL MERGAFFILE COMPANY	10,000
MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE CO.	10,000

## CERTIFICATE

1, M. BURGAR, SECRETARY OF MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY, CASCADE MERCANTILE GOMPANY, BUHL MEROMATILE COMPANY, GLENNS FERRY MERCANTILE COMPANY, GOODING MERCANTILE COMPANY, WEISER MEDICANTILE COMPANY, MCCALL MERCANTILE COMPANY AND MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE COMPANY, HEREBY GERTIFY AS SUCH SECRETARY OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS AND UNDER THE SEAL OF EACH OF SUCH CORPORATIONS, THAT THE GREGOING AGREEMENT OF MERGER, HAVING BEEN FIRST DULY SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS OF EACH CONSTITUENT CORPORATION: WAS DULY SUBMITTED TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CORPORATIONS, TO-WITE MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY CASCADE MERCANTILE GOMPANY, BUH MERCANTILE COMPANY, GLERNS FERRY MERCANTILE COMPANY, GOODING MERCANTILE COMPANY, WELLER MERCANTILE COMPANY, MCCALL MERCANTILE COMPANY, AND MOUNTAIN HOME MERCENTILE CO MANY, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS CALLED SEPARATELY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAIR OF SAID CORPORATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND TAKING ACTION UPON THE AGREEMENT, WHICH MEETINGS OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS WERE MELD ON THE 16th DAY OF Jan , 19 75 PURSUANT TO MOTICE GIVEN TO THE SMAREHOLDERS OF THE CORPORATIONS AS PROVIDED BY THE LAWS OF THE STRTE OF 10,440 AND THE BY-LAWS, OR THE CONSENT OF EACH SHAREHOLDER TO UCH MEETINGS OF EACH CORPORATION HAVING BEEN OBTAINED, AND THE HOLDERS OF ALL OF THE T TAL ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING SHARES OF EACH OF THE SCRPORATIONS BEING DULY REPRESE VED AT EACH MEETING. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AT EACH MEETING FOR THE ADOPTION OF OR REJECTION OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT, AND THE HOLDERS OF ALL OF THE FOTING POWER OF ALL SHAREHOLDER OF EACH OF SAFE CORPORATIONS AT EACH MEETING VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF SALO M RGER AGREEMENT,

THE SEAL OF CACH OF SAID CORPOR TIONS THES 31st DAY OF Jan 1975.

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