THIS JOINT AGREEMENT OF MERGER, MADE AS OF THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARS, 1975.

(HEREINAFTER GALLED "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 "GLENNS FERRY", GOODING MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "GOODING", WEISER MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "WEISER," MCCALL MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "MCCALL", MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE COMPANY, AN IDAHO CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED 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 HERE > N CONTAINED THE PARTIES REPRESENT, WARRANT AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Authorized shares of stock and par value $_{\theta}$ stock outstanding:
- (a) The authorized common shares of Mercantile consist 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 (310,00) 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 (310,00) each, of which , at the date hereof, Five Thousand shares are outstanding.

- (4) THE AUTHORIZED COMMON SHARES OF MERSEY CORS ST OF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (7,500) OF A PAR VALUE OF TEN DOCLARS (530.00) EACH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE HEREOF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SHARES ARE OUTSTANDING.
- (6) 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 (310,00) EAGH, OF WHICH, AT THE DATE HEREOF TEN THOUSAND SHARES ARE GUTSTANDING,
- 2. AGREEMENT 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 therefore. 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, Buil, 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 effective date of this Mergen 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 Idaho.
- 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 ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN DETAIL IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED 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.

GO ATTACHMENT OF STREETORS: THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DERECTORS 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 NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS AFTER THE SHAREKOLDERS! 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 are set forth in Exhibit 18th hereto, which exhibit is made a part hereof as effectively as if set forth at length herein. The shares of Mercantile are not to be changed or converted as a result of the Merger, and all of the shares of the common stock of Mercantile 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 CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS SHALL BESOME ONE CORPORATION, WHICH SHALL BE MERGANTILE, 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 INTEREST THEREIN, VESTED IN ANY OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS SHALL NOT REVERY OR BE IN ANY WAY IMPAIRED BY REASON OF THE MERGER.
- (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, nor shall the rights of creditors thereof, or of any person dealine 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 glaims existing or actions or proceedings pending by or against any of the Constituent Corporations shall be prosecuted to MERGER AGREEMENT, PAGE 3

PROGEEDED AGAINST OR SUBSTITUTED IN ITS PLACE ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE RESPECTIVE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TOAHO.

- 9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT: THIS AGREEMENT SHALL SE 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
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 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
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- 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 begomes 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 MAY AGREE TO EXTEND THE TIME OF PERFORMANCE OF THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN, WAIVE ANY INACCURACIES 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 CONSTITUTED PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT. NO WAIVER OF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ANY OTHER PORTION NOR A CONTINUING 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 BUCH 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.

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	CERTIFICATE OF EACH CORPORATION'S SEGRETARY.
ATTEST: M. Aluncan SEGRETARY	MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY BY HENRY FLERNOR, PRESIDENT
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ATTENT:	MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE COMPANY

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STATE OF LOAMS

COUNTY OF ANA

ON THES 31A DAY 5 JOHNAY, 1975 SEFORE ME, THE UNDERSTORED, A MOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR 8 10 STATE, PERSONALLY APPEARED MERRY FLEENOR AND M. DUNCAN, KNOWN TO ME TO BE RESPECTIVELY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY, ROBERT RANDO, V. L. ANLSONLAGER, ROFO VESTAL, W. L. COMMINGS, MARRY RUBER, L. F. Top's, 8. Jesus of said comportations being one of the serporations That executed the above and longgoing instrument, als reynowledged to me that cash of tuch corporations executing and serporations executing and secundary and open sources of the source of the said the same, and that each of their actions of executing and secundary and open security of the source of the source of the said of the same, and that each of their actions of executing and secundary said dependences.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED DIRECTORS, BEING A MAJORITY OF THE
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METHOD OF EXCHANGE OF CAPITAL STOCK

ALL OF THE ISSUED AND OUTCTANDING STOCK OF EACH OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS HEREIN, OTHER THAN MERCANTILE, CONSISTING OF THE STOCK AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, SHALL BE EXCHANGED BY MERCANTILE DELIVERING TO EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS THEIR SHARES FOR AND IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OF THE ASSETS OF EACH CORPORATION AND EACH OF THE SHARES OF THE CONSTITUENT CORPORATIONS BELOW WHICH CORPORATIONS DE NOT SURVIVE THE MERGER, SHALL BE CANCELLED BY THEM.

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CASCARE PEROPRIER COMPANY	5,000
BUBL MERGA TIES COMPANY	5,000
GLENNS FERTY MERCANTILE COMPANY	7,500
GOODING THE OF STILE COMPANY	5,000
WEISER MERCASTILE COMPANY	7,500
MCCALL MERDATTILE COMPARY	10,000
MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE CO.	10,000

SERVIFIONTE

1. M. DUNGAN, SECRETARY OF MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY, CASCADE MERCANTILE COMPANY, BUHL MERCANTILE 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 NAJORITY OF THE DIRICTORS OF EACH CONSTITUENT CORPORATION, WAS DULY SUBMITTED TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CORPORATIONS, TO-WIT: MERCANTILE STORES COMPANY. CASCADE MERCANTILE COMPANY, BUH MERCANTILE COMPANY, GLERIS FERRY MERCANTILE COMPANY, GOODING MERCANTILE COMPANY, WEILER MERCANTILE COMPANY, MCCALL MERCANTILE COMPANY, AND MOUNTAIN HOME MERCANTILE COMMANY, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS CALLED SEPARATELY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND TAKING ACTION UPON THE AGRECMENT, WHICH MEETINGS OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS WERE HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF Jan 19 71 PURSUANT TO MOTICE GIVEN TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CORPORATIONS AS PROVIDED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOANS AND THE BY-LAWS, OR THE CONSENT OF EACH SHAREHOLDER TO USH MEETINGS OF EACH CORPORATION HAVING BEEN OBTAINED, AND THE HOLDERS OF ALL OF THE T MAL ASSUED 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 VOTING POWER OF ALL SHAREHOLDER OF EACH OF SAID CORPORATIONS AT EACH MEETING VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF SALO M RGER AGREEMENT,

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