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**LAS VEGAS AREA BIG LOTS STORES TO CELEBRATE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY  
WITH SIDEWALK SALE TO SUPPORT U.S. TROOPS**

COLUMBUS, OH, June 28, 2011 – Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG), America’s largest broadline closeout value retailer, is teaming up with the Nevada Benefits Foundation for a weekend of fun and festivities to support U.S. servicemen and women. From July 2 through July 4, all ten Las Vegas area Big Lots stores will be taking part in the *Lots to Freedom* event.

All stores will have large indoor and outdoor displays featuring special items that can be purchased and then donated to be sent in care packages to troops serving overseas. Area military personnel and organizations will be on hand to help with the collections. Additionally, Big Lots will also be holding raffles and local vendors will be serving food and drink throughout the weekend.

“We organized this effort to send support, snacks, entertainment and much needed personal-care items to our troops deployed overseas to hopefully bring them a few comforts from home,” said Steve Fishman, CEO and former U.S. Army Reservist. “We want our servicemen and women to know we extremely value their service and continue to stand behind them.”

Established in 2003, the Nevada Benefits Foundation was created to raise awareness of the sacrifices military members make every day through "Defending Freedom" wristbands. All wristband proceeds go to military charities to support military men, women and their families.

Participating stores include:

- 1221 West Warm Springs Road, Henderson
- 3940 Blue Diamond, Las Vegas
- 8140 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas
- 3430 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas
- 731 Spring Mountain Road, Las Vegas
- 4790 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
- 230 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas
- 8570 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas
- 4482 North Rancho Drive, Las Vegas
- 755 West Craig Road Suite 140, North Las Vegas

**About Big Lots, Inc.**

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is a Fortune 500 company with more than 1,400 stores in 48 states. As the nation’s largest broadline closeout retailer, Big Lots offers consumers a wide range of bargain-priced merchandise, including brand-name closeouts, seasonal products, consumables, furniture, housewares, toys, and gifts. The Company also sells merchandise through its wholesale operations which are conducted through BIG LOTS WHOLESALE, CONSOLIDATED INTERNATIONAL, and WISCONSIN TOY and [www.biglotswholesale.com](http://www.biglotswholesale.com).

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