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BIG LOTS CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING WITH BASEBALL GREAT MARIANO RIVERA

Rivera to Make Appearance and Sign Autographs at
North Bergen Store Grand Opening

NORTH BERGEN, N.J. (October 9, 2014) – Big Lots announced today the grand opening celebration of its newest store at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014. The 23,314 square-foot North Bergen, N.J., store is located in the Columbia Park Center at 3129 North Kennedy Boulevard.

In addition to Mariano Rivera's appearance, the grand opening ribbon-cutting celebration will feature Big Lots presenting a \$2,500 donation to McKinley Elementary School. "We are excited to join the community and support the children of McKinley Elementary School," said David Campisi, Chief Executive Officer and President of Big Lots. "We look forward to being a good neighbor of North Bergen for years to come."

Iconic baseball hero Mariano Rivera will kick off the store opening with an autograph session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, October 17. Rivera is best known for his role as a New York Yankee, where he spent 17 seasons on the mound as a relief pitcher.

"What better way to celebrate our new store in North Bergen than by welcoming New York Yankee great Mariano Rivera to join us on this special day," remarked Campisi.

Big Lots is known for offering customers a one-of-a-kind shopping experience filled with great products at amazing values. The *Fortune* 500 retailer features crazy good deals and low prices on name brands and quality merchandise—from everyday food and consumables to seasonal, home décor, electronics, toys and furniture—along with a team of associates dedicated to exceptional customer service.

The new North Bergen store will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

To learn more about Big Lots, speak with a company representative, or arrange a store visit, contact Colleen Cleary at (631) 921-5320.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG) is a unique, non-traditional, discount retailer operating 1,497 BIG LOTS stores in 48 states with product assortments in the merchandise categories of Food, Consumables, Furniture & Home Décor, Seasonal, Soft Home, Hard Home, and Electronics & Accessories. Our vision is to be recognized for providing an outstanding shopping experience for our customers, valuing and developing our associates, and creating growth for our shareholders. For more information, contact MediaRelations@biglots.com or visit www.biglots.com.

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