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## COMBINED DECLARATION & ASSIGNMENT FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention (Design, if applicable) entitled:

Absorbent Sheet for Pets

the specification of which (check one):

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ was filed on November 13, 2015 as International Application (PCT) No. PCT/JP2015/081952 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56*. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under *Title 35, United States Code § 119* of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which the priority is claimed.

### *PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)*

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
2014-234940	JP	19/11/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under *Title 35, United States Code, § 120* of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating The United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of *Title 35, United States Code, § 112*, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56* which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	STATUS(Patented, Pending or Abandoned)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under *Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code*, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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As the below named inventor, I hereby further declare, to comply with the provisions of the AIA, that:

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

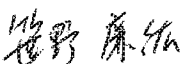
I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. §1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than (5) years, or both.

### ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor(s) who has made a certain new and useful invention, hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto UNICHARM CORPORATION having a place of business at 182, Shimobun, Kinsei-cho, Shikokuchuo-shi, Ehime, 799-0111, Japan, its successors and assigns (hereinafter designated "ASSIGNEE") the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. 100 in the invention, and the undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefore and any and all extensions, divisions, reissues, continuations, or continuations-in-part thereof, and the right to all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property to the said ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; the undersigned agrees that the attorneys of record in said application shall hereafter act on behalf of said ASSIGNEE;

AND the undersigned hereby agrees to transfer a like interest, and to render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, upon request of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for patent based thereon, growing out of or related to the said invention; and to execute any papers by the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE's full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

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