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## **ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, I/we, **Erin E. LENZ, Jason D. CASTO and Lawrence STERNAL** made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which I/We filed, or will be filing, an application for Letters Patent of the United States, identified as U.S. patent application serial number 29/762,436 filed on December 16, 2020 , which application is entitled:

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AND, WHEREAS, we hereby authorize and request an attorney associated with Customer Number 32047 to insert on the designated lines above, the filing date and application number of said application when known;

AND, WHEREAS, **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY** a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California 94597, (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/We have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the said application, all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted there from, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, in any regional patent offices and in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the said

inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted there from; and We do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letter Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the said Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, We do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to me/us relating to said improvements and the history thereof and will testify in all legal proceedings and generally do all things which may be necessary or desirable more effectually to secure to and vest in said Assignee, its successors or assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements, inventions, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned and conveyed, or intended so to be;

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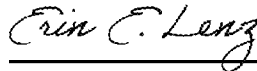
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16 day of December, 2020.



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**Erin E. LENZ**

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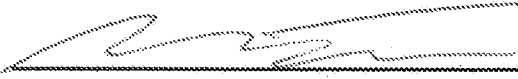
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8 day of December, 2020.

  
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