[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF **CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT** 

## 11 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

cause appearing:

1. The provisions of the AGREEMENT are hereby preliminarily approved. The COURT finds that the SETTLEMENT appears to be fair, adequate, and reasonable to the CLASS MEMBERS, free of collusion or indicia of unfairness, and within the range of possible judicial approval. The COURT also finds that the SETTLEMENT resulted from arm's length negotiations and is sufficient to warrant the dissemination of CLASS NOTICE to the CLASS MEMBERS.

Plaintiffs Tonya DiMuzio and Megan Grilz ("PLAINTIFFS") filed a Motion for

"Motion"), which was heard on January 3, 2019. In connection with the Motion, the COURT

considered the proposed class action Settlement Agreement ("AGREEMENT"), attached hereto

as Exhibit 1, the submissions of counsel, and all other papers filed in this ACTION. This Order

incorporates by reference the definitions in the AGREEMENT, and terms used herein shall have

the same meaning as set forth in the AGREEMENT. The COURT having considered all papers,

having heard oral argument on January 3, 2019, and otherwise being fully informed and good

Preliminary Approval of a Class Action Settlement and Proposed Settlement Class (the

2. The COURT, for SETTLEMENT purposes only, finds that each of the requirements for certification of the CLASS set forth in PLAINTIFFS' Motion are met pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 23. In support of this ruling, the COURT conditionally and preliminarily finds that: (a) the CLASS MEMBERS are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the CLASS MEMBERS; (c) the CLASS REPRESENTATIVES' claims are typical of the claims of the CLASS and the CLASS REPRESENTATIVES and CLASS COUNSEL have adequately represented and will continue to adequately represent and protect the interests of the CLASS MEMBERS; and (d) class-wide treatment of the disputes raised in the ACTION is superior to other available methods

for adjudicating the controversies before this COURT at this time. Manageability issues do not prevent certification for settlement purposes because there will be no trial.

3. Accordingly, pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and for purposes of, and solely in connection with, the SETTLEMENT, the COURT hereby provisionally certifies the following CLASS:

All hourly paid non-exempt persons employed by Blazin Wings, Inc. d/b/a Buffalo Wild Wings in the state of Nevada who earned less than 11/2 times the applicable minimum wage and who worked over eight (8) hours in a workday at any time within 3 years from March 20, 2018 until the date class information is provided to the Settlement Administrator for the purpose of issuing notice.

- 4. If the SETTLEMENT is terminated, cancelled, or fails to become effective for any reason, then provisional certification of the CLASS shall be void. In that event, the PARTIES and CLASS MEMBERS shall be returned to their respective statuses as of the date immediately prior to the execution of the AGREEMENT and the PARTIES shall proceed in all respects as if the AGREEMENT had not been executed and this Order shall not have any bearing on, nor shall it be admissible in connection with, the issue of whether or not certification would be appropriate in a non-settlement context.
- The COURT appoints and designates Tonya DiMuzio and Megan Grilz as CLASS REPRESENTATIVES.
- 6. The COURT appoints and designates the following attorneys as CLASS COUNSEL for the CLASS:

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- 7. The COURT approves, as to form and content, the proposed CLASS NOTICE, attached as Exhibit C to the AGREEMENT, including the procedure for the CLASS MEMBERS to object to or request exclusion from the SETTLEMENT and, accordingly, the COURT directs that CLASS NOTICE be given in the form and manner consistent therewith and this Order.
- 8. The COURT finds that CLASS NOTICE meets the requirements of Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and due process, and is the best means practicable of providing notice under the circumstances and when completed shall constitute due and sufficient notice of the ACTION, the SETTLEMENT, and the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING to all persons affected by and/or authorized to participate in the SETTLEMENT.
- 9. The provisions of the AGREEMENT relating to CLASS NOTICE, exclusion from the SETTLEMENT, objection to the SETTLEMENT, and the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING are deemed incorporated as if expressly set forth in this Order and have the full force and effect of an order of this COURT.
- 10. The COURT appoints and designates CPT Group, Inc. as the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR.
- 11. The COURT hereby directs the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR to provide the approved CLASS NOTICE to the CLASS MEMBERS in accordance with the schedule below and using the procedures set forth in the AGREEMENT.
  - 12. The SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR shall be responsible for:
    - Receiving, tracking, and organizing the CLASS MEMBER information provided by BWW and advising counsel for the PARTIES of the status of same;
    - Following up with BWW with any questions about the CLASS MEMBER information provided;
    - c. Translating the CLASS NOTICE and CLAIM FORM into Spanish;

- d. Printing and mailing to the CLASS MEMBERS the CLASS NOTICE and CLAIM FORMS approved by the COURT;
- e. Establishing and maintaining the SETTLEMENT WEBSITE;
- f. Performing address updates and verifications prior to the first mailing of the CLASS NOTICE;
- g. Performing at least a single Skip Trace address follow up on any returned mail:
- Resolving any issues that may arise concerning whether an individual is a
   CLASS MEMBER and/or the number of shifts worked by each CLASS
   MEMBER;
- Consulting with counsel for the PARTIES concerning any relevant issue, including (without limitation) distribution of the CLASS NOTICE, and payment of SETTLEMENT BENEFITS;
- j. Calculation of ESTIMATED NET SETTLEMENT FUND, NET SETTLEMENT FUND, SETTLEMENT BENEFITS, NET DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT, PAYROLL TAXES AND REQUIRED WITHHOLDING, and EMPLOYER TAXES;
- k. Keeping track of timely and proper requests for exclusion;
- Reporting of all taxable amounts on IRS Forms W-2 and 1099 as required, withholding of PAYROLL TAXES AND WITHOLDING, and payment of EMPLOYER TAXES as applicable, to the appropriate taxing authorities in a proper and timely manner including electronic payment or reporting requirements imposed by such authorities, if any;
- m. Distributing, by mail or otherwise, and paying SETTLEMENT
   BENEFITS, INCENTIVE AWARDS, FEE AND EXPENSE AWARD.

- and ADMINISTRATION COSTS as may be ordered by the COURT or as are otherwise necessary;
- n. Preparing any declarations that are requested by the PARTIES or the COURT that are reasonably necessary for FINAL APPROVAL, setting forth, among other things, the number of CLASS NOTICES sent, the number of CLASS NOTICES returned, the number of QUALIFIED CLAIMS made, and any requests for exclusion;
- o. All tasks assigned to the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR under the AGREEMENT; and
- p. Such other tasks as counsel for the PARTIES agree or the COURT orders the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR to perform.
- 13. The Court approves, as to form and content, the proposed template for the SETTLEMENT WEBSITE attached as Exhibit E to the AGREEMENT and, accordingly, in accordance with the schedule set forth below, the Court directs the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR to establish a website at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "SETTLEMENT WEBSITE") to provide information regarding the SETTLEMENT, where the CLASS MEMBERS can obtain information concerning requesting exclusion from or objecting to the SETTLEMENT, and how CLASS MEMBERS can submit a CLAIM.
- 14. ADMINISTRATION COSTS incurred by the SETTLEMENT

  ADMINISTRATOR in connection with the administration and implementation of the SETTLEMENT, distribution of CLASS NOTICE pursuant to the AGREEMENT, and any other tasks assigned to the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR by the AGREEMENT, by the PARTIES or by this COURT, shall be paid out of the SETTLEMENT FUND.
- 15. Any CLASS MEMBER may choose to submit a written objection to the SETTLEMENT by filing with the COURT and serving on counsel for the PARTIES a written statement objecting to the SETTLEMENT in accordance with the instructions set forth in the

AGREEMENT and CLASS NOTICE. CLASS MEMBERS who fail to file and serve timely objections shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the SETTLEMENT and shall be bound by the SETTLEMENT if finally approved unless the CLASS MEMBER excludes himself/herself from the SETTLEMENT.

- 16. Any CLASS MEMBER may choose to be excluded from the SETTLEMENT by submitting to the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR a written statement requesting exclusion from the SETTLEMENT in accordance with the instructions set forth in the AGREEMENT and CLASS NOTICE.
- 17. CLASS MEMBERS who submit valid and timely written requests for exclusion from the SETTLEMENT in accordance with the instructions set forth in the AGREEMENT and CLASS NOTICE will not be bound by the AGREEMENT or any order entered by the COURT.
- 18. CLASS MEMBERS who have not requested exclusion by submitting a valid and timely written request for exclusion in accordance with the instructions set forth in the AGREEMENT and CLASS NOTICE shall be bound by all determinations of the COURT, the AGREEMENT, and any ORDER FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND JUDGMENT entered by the COURT.
  - 19. The COURT orders the following schedule as set forth in the AGREEMENT:
    - c. Fourteen (14) days following the deadline for BWW to cancel the SETTLEMENT pursuant to Paragraph 15 of the AGREEMENT, the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR shall send a copy of the CLASS NOTICE and CLAIM FORM to all persons shown by BWW's records to be CLASS MEMBERS, via First Class U.S. Mail, and make public the SETTLEMENT WEBSITE.

- d. All objections must be filed with the COURT and served on counsel for the PARTIES by First Class U.S. Mail and postmarked on or before the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day following the date CLASS NOTICE is mailed.
- e. All requests for exclusion must be mailed by First Class U.S. Mail to the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR and postmarked on or before the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day following the date CLASS NOTICE is mailed.
- f. No later than fourteen (14) days following the

  OBJECTION/EXCLUSION DEADLINE, the SETTLEMENT

  ADMINISTRATOR shall provide to counsel for the PARTIES in writing the names of those CLASS MEMBERS who have requested exclusion and the total number of shifts worked by those CLASS MEMBERS during the CLASS PERIOD.
- g. No later than Jnell, CLASS COUNSEL shall file any motion for a FEE AND EXPENSE AWARD and INCENTIVE AWARDS.
- i. The SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR shall provide proof of CLASS NOTICE to the PARTIES no later than thirty (30) days following the OBJECTION/EXCLUSION DEADLINE and such proof shall be filed with the COURT prior to the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING.

AGREEMENT, including whether the proposed SETTLEMENT is fair, adequate, and reasonable, whether this COURT should grant FINAL APPROVAL and enter judgment, and whether there should be any FEE AND EXPENSE AWARD and/or INCENTIVE AWARDS, and the amounts of any such awards. The COURT may adjourn or continue the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING without further notice to the SETTLEMENT CLASS.

- 21. Any objecting CLASS MEMBER may appear, in person or by counsel, at the FINAL APPROVAL HEARING to show cause why the SETTLEMENT and the AGREEMENT should not be approved as fair, adequate, and reasonable, or to object to any request for a FEE AND EXPENSE AWARD or INCENTIVE AWARD.
- 22. Nothing in this Order is, or may be construed as, an admission or concession on any point of fact or law by or against PLAINTIFFS or BWW.
- 23. Pending the final determination of whether the SETTLEMENT should be approved, all proceedings in this ACTION, except as may be necessary to implement the SETTLEMENT or comply with the terms of the SETTLEMENT, are hereby stayed.
- 24. Pending the final determination of whether the SETTLEMENT should be approved, PLAINTIFFS and each CLASS MEMBER, and any person purportedly acting on behalf of any CLASS MEMBER(S), are hereby enjoined from commencing, pursuing, maintaining, enforcing, or prosecuting, either directly or indirectly, any Released Claims in any judicial, administrative, arbitral, or other forum, against any of the Released Parties, provided that this injunction shall not apply to the claims of any CLASS MEMBERS who have timely and validly requested to be excluded from the CLASS. Such injunction shall remain in force until the EFFECTIVE DATE or until such time as the PARTIES notify the COURT that the SETTLEMENT has been terminated. This injunction is necessary to protect and effectuate the SETTLEMENT, this Order, and this COURT's authority regarding the SETTLEMENT, and is ordered in aid of this COURT's jurisdiction and to protect its judgments.

25. CLASS COUNSEL, BWW, and the SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR are directed to carry out their obligations under the AGREEMENT.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1-3-2019

District Court Judge