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**Winn-Dixie Board Elects Gregory P. Josefowicz As Lead Director**

JACKSONVILLE, FL September 24, 2007 – Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., (NASDAQ: WINN) today announced that Gregory P. Josefowicz has been elected Lead Director by the independent members of the Winn-Dixie Board of Directors. Winn-Dixie emerged from bankruptcy in November of 2006 with a new slate of eight independent directors and new Governance Principles that anticipated the selection of a Lead Director in September of 2007.

Mr. Josefowicz is the former President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Borders Group, Inc., the national book, movies and music retail company. In addition to serving on the Winn-Dixie Board, he is a director of Ryerson, Inc., Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., and PetSmart, Inc., where he serves as the Lead Director.

Winn-Dixie Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President Peter Lynch said, “Since joining the Winn-Dixie Board last November, Greg Josefowicz has exhibited leadership on our Board and among our independent directors and been a valued advisor to me and other members of our senior management team. His considerable experience in retailing, together with his strong insights and leadership skills, make him an outstanding choice for the important position of Lead Director. I look forward to working closely with Greg and the other directors as we continue to pursue our multi-year turnaround plan.”

**About Winn-Dixie**

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. is one of the nation’s largest food retailers. Founded in 1925, the Company is headquartered in Jacksonville, FL. The Company currently operates 520 stores in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, and Mississippi. For more information, please visit [www.winn-dixie.com](http://www.winn-dixie.com).

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