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The Women's Edge and The Boston Globe Name J.Jill to Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts

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Annual award highlights women business leaders who are making a significant impact on the state's economy

QUINCY, Mass -- **J.Jill, Inc.** (NYSE:JILL), a premier omnichannel retailer and national lifestyle brand, has been ranked #9 on the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts list. The list celebrates the state's leading companies that are run by women and is compiled by **The Women's Edge** (formerly The Commonwealth Institute), a nonprofit that supports female business leaders, and **The Boston Globe**.

"It's an honor to be recognized alongside so many inspirational women-led organizations for the second consecutive year," said Claire Spofford, President and CEO of J.Jill. "Championing and celebrating the totality of all women is at the forefront of everything we do. This recognition is a continued testament to the wonderful team at J.Jill, and their focus and dedication to our vision."

"The organizations on this year's diverse list are driving \$84 billion of revenue into the MA economy and innovation across the country, from increased manufacturing capacity to breakthroughs in clinical care and therapeutics" said The Women's Edge Chief Executive Officer Elizabeth L. Hailer. "We are honored to celebrate the Top 100 women leaders and hope it inspires others to drive for success here in our region and beyond."

This is the 23rd year that The Women's Edge – a Boston-based nonprofit organization devoted to advancing women in leadership positions — created the list through a nomination process and reviewed both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, and the 11th year that the list was created in collaboration with The Boston Globe. In addition

to revenue or operating budget, factors considered in the evaluation included workplace and management diversity, board makeup, and innovative projects.

The full list was published in the Globe Magazine's Women & Power issue at bostonglobe.com/magazine on November 3 and in print on November 5.

"We're proud to once again partner with The Women's Edge to recognize these 100 remarkable women and their companies," said Globe Magazine editor Francis Storrs. "They're driving the Massachusetts economy of today, and serving as inspiration for the leaders of tomorrow."

About J.Jill, Inc.

J.Jill is a national lifestyle brand that provides apparel, footwear and accessories designed to help its customers move through a full life with ease. The brand represents an easy, thoughtful, and inspired style that celebrates the totality of all women and designs its products with its core brand ethos in mind: keep it simple and make it matter. J.Jill offers a high touch customer experience through over 200 stores nationwide and a robust ecommerce platform. J.Jill is headquartered outside Boston. For more information, please visit www.jjill.com or <http://investors.jjill.com>. The information included on our websites is not incorporated by reference herein.

About The Women's Edge

The Women's Edge is a non-profit organization that propels women leaders to achieve professional and personal success and deliver positive impact within their business and community. Founded in 1997, The Women's Edge achieves this mission by collaborating and connecting extraordinary women at all stages of their careers — from next generation leaders to CEOs; continually building a pipeline of high performing women leaders; delivering relevant leadership programs, events and perspectives, with actionable insights; incorporating diversity, inclusion, and belonging to foster gender and racial equity; and leveraging technology to expand reach and amplify impact. Visit <https://thewomensedge.org/> for more information.

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