



## Lowes Foods Announces Third Store Location in Columbia Market

Lexington Store to Open on Wednesday, May 24

COLUMBIA, S.C. (MAY 19, 2017) – Lowes Foods, a Carolinas-based grocer, is announcing the location of its third store within the Columbia, S.C. market. The store will be located at 4711 Forest Drive in Columbia and will open in mid-2018. Lowes Foods will open its first store in the Columb0ia market in nearby Lexington at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Another store is under construction at Hope Ferry Road at U.S. 378 in Lexington and will open this summer.

"The Columbia market is an important part of our company's overall strategy to remodel existing stores and build new ones. In addition to the Columbia market, we also have a store under construction in Summerville near Charleston, and we have a store planned for Mt. Pleasant," Lowes Foods president Tim Lowe said. "During the construction phase of our two Lexington stores, we have received an incredible welcome to the Columbia area and are very excited to extend Lowes Foods' unique grocery shopping experience to our new friends."

"As a family-owned Carolina company, we are very focused on supporting local while providing exceptional service and attention to our guests," Lowe added. "Our commitment to local includes offering produce sourced through our partnership with more than 200 Carolina-based farmers, and by featuring uniquely local products found throughout our store."

## **About Lowes Foods**

Founded in 1954, Lowes Foods employs approximately 9,000 people and operates nearly 100 full-service supermarkets in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Locally owned and operated, Lowes Foods is truly a homegrown company committed to bringing community back to the table, by providing customers with the freshest and most innovative local products from local suppliers. The company maintains a strong focus on exceptional attention to our guests, with services like Lowes Foods-To-Go personal shopping and gas rewards discounts. To learn more, visit lowesfoods.com or follow Lowes Foods on Facebook or Twitter. Lowes Foods, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alex Lee, Inc.

## About Alex Lee, Inc.

Founded in 1931, Alex Lee is a family-owned and operated company that employs approximately 10,000 people. It serves as the parent company of Merchants Distributors, LLC, which provides full-service, wholesale distribution to supermarkets. In addition, Alex Lee is the parent company of Lowes Foods, which includes nearly 100 full-service grocery stores in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, as well as Just Save food stores in North Carolina. Alex Lee, Inc. is based in Hickory, NC.

For more information, please visit <u>alexlee.com</u>.