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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 13, 2019**

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**DESTINATION MATERNITY CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-21196**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3045573**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**232 Strawbridge Drive**  
**Moorestown, NJ 08057**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (856) 291-9700**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On March 13, 2019, Holly Alden informed the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Destination Maternity Corporation (the “**Company**”) that she had decided to resign from the Board, effective immediately. Ms. Alden’s resignation is not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices.

(d) On March 18, 2019, the Board appointed Lisa Gavales to the Board of the Company to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Alden. Ms. Gavales will serve as a member of the Company’s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Gavales and any other persons pursuant to which she was appointed as a director of the Company, she has no family relationships with any of the Company’s directors or executive officers, and she is not a party to, and she does not have any direct or indirect material interest in, any transaction requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

In connection with the appointment of Ms. Gavales as a non-employee director of the Company, the Board granted her 4,000 shares of restricted stock pursuant to the Company’s 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. These shares of restricted stock will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 18, 2019, the Company issued a press release in connection with the appointment of Ms. Gavales as a director. A copy of the press release is furnished as exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release, dated March 18, 2019.</a>

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized.

Date: March 18, 2019

**DESTINATION MATERNITY CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Marla A. Ryan

Marla A. Ryan  
Chief Executive Officer

# DESTINATION MATERNITY CORPORATION

## LISA GAVALES JOINS DESTINATION MATERNITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*– Announces Departure of Current Board Member Holly Alden –*

**MOORESTOWN, N.J. – (March 18, 2019)** – Destination Maternity Corporation (NASDAQ: DEST), the world's leading maternity apparel retailer, today announced that it has appointed Lisa Gavales to the Board of Directors (the "Board"), effective March 18, 2019. Ms. Gavales brings over 25 years of public and private company leadership experience, with a focus on retail, digital and strategic operations, ecommerce, corporate governance, and marketing. Ms. Gavales will be a member of the firm's Nominating & Corporate Governance committee. In conjunction with this appointment, current Board member Holly Alden has resigned to pursue other interests, effective March 13, 2019.

Anne-Charlotte Windal, Destination Maternity's Independent Chair of the Board of Directors, said, "We are very pleased to welcome Lisa to our Board of Directors and look forward to benefiting from her strong operational leadership experience and background in brand building, digital and ecommerce. We believe Lisa's extensive experience will be highly valuable as the Company continues to optimize its operations across brick-and-mortar and digital channels, improves profitability and rationalizes expenses. We would also like to thank Holly for her many contributions to Destination Maternity's ongoing transformation and we wish her well in her future endeavors."

Ms. Gavales has served interim leadership positions for Bluestem Brands since October 2017, first as President of its Northstar portfolio and since February 2018 as Interim CEO. Before Bluestem, Lisa was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Things Remembered. Prior to that, she served as President and Chief Marketing Officer of Talbots. Before Lisa joined Talbots in 2013, she was Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer and Chief Digital Officer at EXPRESS and also started express.com. Earlier in her career, Lisa spent over a decade at Bloomingdale's where she held a variety of positions including General Merchandise Manager and Senior Vice President of Marketing and was responsible for the launch of bloomingdales.com. Lisa currently sits on the boards of Bluestem, True Religion, and Goodwill of Greater Cleveland. Lisa has an MBA and BS from the University of Bridgeport.

"I am honored to join the Destination Maternity Board of Directors and to work with an exceptional company at such an exciting point in its growth trajectory," said Ms. Gavales. "I have always admired the Company's brand portfolio and have tremendous respect for Marla and the entire leadership team. I look forward to working with them and being a part of Destination Maternity's ongoing transformation."

### **About Destination Maternity**

Destination Maternity Corporation is the world's largest designer and retailer of maternity apparel. As of November 3, 2018, Destination Maternity operates 1,108 retail locations in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, including 474 stores, predominantly under the trade names Motherhood Maternity®, A Pea in the Pod® and Destination Maternity®, and 634 leased department locations. The Company also sells merchandise on the web primarily through its brand-specific websites, motherhood.com and apeainthepod.com, as well as through its destinationmaternity.com website. Destination Maternity has international store franchise and product supply relationships in the Middle East, South Korea, Mexico, Israel and India. As of November 3, 2018, Destination Maternity has 187 international franchised locations, including 10 standalone stores operated under one of the Company's nameplates and 177 shop-in-shop locations.

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