**Online Survey Consent Form *[Template]***

***[Please complete the sections in [red] in the form below.]***

**Introduction:** You are being invited to participate in a research study titled ***[“Name of your study”]***. This study is being done by ***[Name of Researcher(s) and departmental affiliation]*** from Messiah University.

**Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria:** You were selected to participate in this study because ***[insert inclusion and/or exclusion criteria]***.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this research study is ***[provide participants with a clear and accurate statement of the scientific purpose and objectives of the research, use lay terms, do not repeat the study title].*** If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey/questionnaire.

***[The next section on “Data Collection” is mandated by the new GDPR requirements and is only required if any special data will be collected in the survey. It can be omitted if only generic data will be collected:]***

**Data Collection:** This survey/questionnaire will collect the following categories of *special* data: ***[identify all special categories of data that will be collected, delete categories that will not be collected:]***

***•race***

***•ethnic origin***

***•religious or philosophical beliefs***

***•political opinions, trade union memberships***

***•biometric data used to identify an individual***

***•genetic data***

***•health data***

***•data related to sexual orientation***

We are collecting this data to learn **[provide reason why the categories of special data is being collected]**.

**Time Commitment:** The survey will take you approximately ***[XX]*** minutes to complete.

**Benefits:** You may not directly benefit from this research; however, we hope that your participation in the study may ***[describe societal benefits]***.

**Risks:** We believe there are ***[no known/only minimal/some]*** risks associated with this research study; however, as with any online related activity the risk of a breach of confidentiality is always possible. To the best of our ability your answers in this study will remain confidential. We will minimize any risks by ***[if study is confidential, describe how confidentiality will be secured, maintained, and how data will be disposed of].***

**Voluntary:** Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time. You are free to skip any specific questions that you choose. After you complete the survey, you may also elect to withdraw any specific responses submitted.

**Questions and Contact:** If you have questions about this project, have a research-related problem, or would like to withdraw your participation from this study, you may contact the researcher(s), ***[insert name(s) and phone number(s)]***. If you have any questions concerning your rights as a research subject, you may contact Messiah University’s Institutional Review Board at the Office of the Provost (717)-766-2511 x5375.

**By clicking “I Agree” below you are indicating that you:**

**•are at least 18 years old,**

**•have read and understood this consent form, and**

**•agree for the data you provide to be used in this research study.**

***Please print a copy of this page for your records.***

I Do Not Agree

I Agree