**SAMPLE Adult Consent form – no identifiable info stored long term (Reading level at 8th-10th grade)**

**UL Lafayette IRB approval number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

You are being invited to participate in a research project by Dr. Researcher\_Alpha and Student Researcher Beta from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The purpose of this study is to determine whether adults in Louisiana will participate in research. You were chosen at random from the 1990 Louisiana census. We expect this study to last about one year and will collect data from at least 11,000 Louisiana citizens.

You will be asked to fill out the same survey twice: today and one month from today. Each time you fill out the survey will take about 30 minutes if you do it yourself or about 45 minutes if you have a research assistant read to you.

The only expected risks to you for taking part in this study are boredom from answering the questions and loss of time while traveling to the research site and completing the surveys.

There is no benefit to you if you participate, but the researchers may learn what helps the people of Louisiana to participate in research. This project may allow important research to be done for the people of Louisiana in the future.

The results of this research may be published in professional journals but no personal information about any of the people who participated will be part of any of the reports. The forms you are filling out today and the form you will complete in one month will be destroyed after all the data has been entered for analysis. There is a number on each page of the forms packet. These numbers will be used to match today’s answers with the ones you provide one month from now. Please do not place your name in any place but on the front of the booklet of forms. Your packet will be stored in a locked file cabinet until you return to take the second survey one month from today. If you do not return to complete the survey the second time, your forms will be shredded without recording any of your information.

You are not required to participate in this research. It is your choice whether to be a part of the study or not. You may decide to not be a part of the study, even if you have begun to fill out the survey. Return the unfinished survey to the research assistant at the front of the room. If you decide after you leave that you don’t want your answers used, you may call the researchers and request that your information be destroyed. There will be no bias or penalty from University of Louisiana at Lafayette or the State of Louisiana, if you decide not to participate or if you decide to stop participating in the research.

If you have any questions about this research or your participation in the study, you are welcome to call Dr. Alpha at 337-482-1234 or Dr.alpha@louisiana.edu and/or Ms. Beta 337-482-3456 or [Ms.Beta@louisiana.edu](mailto:Ms.Beta@louisiana.edu) at UL Lafayette. We will make every effort to answer your questions. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Chair of UL Lafayette Institutional Review Board (IRB) at [irb@louisiana.edu](mailto:irb@louisiana.edu) or 337-482-5811. The primary purpose of the UL Lafayette IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research activities being conducted at UL Lafayette.

**CONSENT**

I understand that I am participating in research and that the research has been explained to me so that I understand what I am doing. I understand that I may stop participating at any time.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for witnessing the form (ex: unable to read, signs with X) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_