PROJECT PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM

Project Title: DNA Consultants Cherokee DNA Project

You are requested to read the following material to ensure that you are informed of the nature of this research study and how you will participate in it should you give your consent. Signing this form signifies that you have been informed and that you give your consent to be included in the project. Informed consent prior to participation is required so that you can know the nature and risks of your participation and decide to participate or not.

Purpose

You are invited to participate voluntarily without compensation in DNA Consultants Cherokee DNA Project. The purpose of the Cherokee DNA Project is to sample and investigate the genetic heritage of persons who may be of Cherokee descent and establish a collection of their DNA results and genealogies. The collection will serve to assist 1) in the determination of mitochondrial, Y chromosomal or autosomal (non sex-linked) descent of a person from a Cherokee or other Native American in a past generation, 2) in linking those persons with others of similar ancestry and 3) publishing results of DNA testing and genealogies for scientific dissemination that the history of the Cherokee people may be better known. The purpose of this scientific inquiry does not extend to assisting participants in using their results for any legal or administrative ends. No claim is made or implied that results can be used for enrolling or registering in an American Indian tribe or obtaining rights or benefits of any sort under law.

Selection Criteria

The Principal Investigator or an assistant will discuss the requirements for participation in this study with you. To be eligible to participate, you must have completed a test or report-only through DNA Consultants and receive a report that indicates:

a) mitochondrial descent from a Native American woman
b) Y chromosomal descent from a Native American man
c) Matches to American Indian populations (as supplementary to a) or b)
d) Native American marker I or II on your 18 Marker Ethnic Panel results as supplementary to a) or b)

Procedures

Once you receive your report you will be asked to sign this consent form and send the project administrator any and all genealogy information pertinent to the results. Typically, this includes (inasmuch as you know them) the names, dates and places of birth and death and marriages of ancestors responsible for the Cherokee or Native American results, for instance, all your mother's female-line ancestors. You will also be given the opportunity at that time to build a secure personal results page on DNA Consultants that will be permanently available to friends and family and fellow researchers (behind password protection).

Specimen Collection
If you are being tested to participate in the project, you will have to sign the following consent form when you send back your sample. Your signature on the project participation consent form reaffirms that you understand these conditions.

I affirm that I understand the following statements and consent to the following conditions as represented by my signature above:

I authorize DNA Testing Systems and its Laboratory to collect a biological specimen from me or from an individual for whom I have the legal right to authorize a collection. I authorize the Laboratory to perform DNA testing on that specimen for the purpose of genetic identification, relationship, ethnicity, or genealogical determination. If this test is for a minor or person who is incapable of giving consent, I attest that I have the legal authority to consent for the collection and DNA testing of the biological specimen of that person. I hereby release DNA Testing and the Laboratory from any liability. I assume all legal responsibility for the collection of the specimen, testing, and any or all effects resulting from this test.

I understand by returning my sample that I am reconfirming my order, and that no refund can be given for work thereafter performed.

I understand that these results may or may not provide conclusive evidence for ancestry or a biological relationship. I expressly understand that, as with any testing, the Laboratory cannot guarantee the outcome of the test, or the probability of the test result. I also understand that in very rare occasions, testing results are inconclusive. I understand that to provide me with the highest quality of testing, when necessary, the Laboratory director(s) reserve the right to perform more testing or other Laboratory procedures to satisfy Laboratory guidelines and standards. This process may delay the release date of the final report. If the biological sample is inadequate for evaluation for any reason, DNA Testing and the Laboratory, reserves the right to request additional samples. DNA Testing and the Laboratory shall not be liable for the inability to produce a result due to insufficient sample(s) or due to the nature of the biological specimen.

I expressly understand that DNA testing is highly accurate but that there is always a possibility of error or omission. I acknowledge and accept that the limit of liability for DNA Testing Systems or the Laboratory shall not exceed the value of this test. I expressly agree to hold DNA Testing Systems and the Laboratory blameless for any action that may occur as a result of the outcome of this test. These DNA test results are being obtained completely for my personal information, and DNA Testing and the Laboratory are not guaranteeing that these results will be admissible as evidence in a court of law.

I understand that by providing my race description I am only assisting the Laboratory with improving the calculated probabilities of my results. I further understand that my personal information will not be sold to or shared with any other companies. I understand that the Laboratory will store my DNA specimens and raw score results, unless otherwise directed.

Risks
The procedure for collecting your DNA is completely safe. The results of the genetic testing, however, could indicate that ancestry or family relationships may not be what you have believed.

Benefits
There is no direct benefit to you from your participation besides informational, including establishing a permanent record for future Cherokee descendants on DNA Consultants Cherokee DNA Project password-protected website, but your participation will contribute to a growing database of results and genealogies that may eventually help write the true story of the Cherokee people and other American Indians.

Confidentiality
The results from this project are available only to its administrators and you. Data are completely confidential. The information will not be shared with any other agency or

company. Once your results are released for posting in our secured area or made part of a publication, this is no longer true. Your express permission will be sought at that time for any posting or publication of your results.

Contacts
You can obtain further information about the research and voice any concerns or complaints about the research by calling DNA Consultants at (888) 806-2588 or contacting the company at discover@dnaconsultants.com.

AUTHORIZATION
Before giving my consent by signing this form, the methods, inconveniences, risks and benefits have been explained to me and my questions have been answered. I may ask questions at any time and I am free to withdraw from the project at any time without causing bad feelings or affecting my customer relationship with DNA Consultants. My participation in this project may be ended by the investigator for reasons that would be explained to me. New information developed during the course of this study, which may affect my willingness to continue in this research project will be given to me as it becomes available through DNA Consultants' website and email newsletters. I do not give up any of my legal rights by signing this form. My ordering of a product and checking off of my acceptance or return of this form by email constitutes signing it.

Full Name (please print) _____

Address _____

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Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please send your genealogical information with this form to complete your registration. Thank you!

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