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Parental Consent Form

Project: Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience Project June 2017 – June 30, 2019

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Purpose: The Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience Project is gathering knowledges from diverse Indigenous communities and sources to host a symposium entitled and write a proposal for the creation of a Research Chair and a research centre dedicated to the resilience of Indigenous women and youth. The centre and research chair will generate and mobilize research on resilience as one tool to end violence against Indigenous women and youth. By participating in this study, your child's anonymous written or verbal contribution will shape the role of the research chair and ideas for the research centre, which may be a digital or physical space. This project aims to build a research chair and centre that is created by and made to serve the needs of Indigenous communities.

This project explores the tools of resiliency that are already present in the people, and can be seen as a method of empowerment to create change - in ourselves, in our communities and policies of government. By participating in an interview, written survey, or a focus group, we will document your child's opinions on resilience and practices of resilience so they might be used to empower Indigenous youth to end the violence directed towards them. Children's contributions in this study will remain anonymous. The benefit of participating in this study is that your child's opinion will shape the proposal so that the Research Chair and Centre reflects the wisdom and needs of the communities they should serve.

Although our research has a focus on resiliency, we understand this can be a sensitive and difficult subject area. This project seeks to avoid re-traumatizing, exploiting and/or trivializing the hurt

and pain resulting from colonial violence and to alleviate any distress, we can help find support options in your area.

Upon completing the survey, consent is implied. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and your child's name, even if they accidentally disclose it, will be kept private in our study and publications. Participants may, at any point, end participation in the study without penalty or judgement. Ending your participation will not damage your or your child current or future relationship to the University of Alberta or the investigators. Our principle investigator will secure all records collected from this study in a locked filing cabinet for five years and will be subsequently included in the Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience Research Centre Archive.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Principal Investigator or Study Coordinator before completing the survey. The contact information is at the top of this form.

This project is unaffiliated with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Although we are independent from the National Inquiry, we respect their goals to find and honour the truth about the violence experienced by women and youth.¹

**The plan for this study has been reviewed by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call (780) 492-2615. This office is independent of the researchers.*

¹ <http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>.