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Online Survey Consent Form

Project: Indigenous Women and Youth Resilience
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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 and the creation of a digital research centre dedicated to housing databases, research project findings, publications, and other sources dedicated to Indigenous women, trans, two-spirit, and youth. By participating in this study, your written or verbal contribution will shape future workshops and the research centre, which may be a digital or physical space. This project aims to build a research 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 frame those tools as methods 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 opinions on resilience and practices of resilience so they might be used to empower Indigenous women and youth to end the violence directed towards them. The benefit of participating in this study is that your opinion will shape the proposal so that the research centre reflects the wisdom and needs of the communities it serves.

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 you find support options in your area.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Participants may, at any point, end participation in the study without penalty or judgement. Ending your participation will not damage your relationship to the University of Alberta or the investigators. If you share your knowledge with us and then wish to withdraw, we seek permission to include your contribution in our project. If you wish your contribution to be withdrawn from the study, this is your decision and there is no penalty. If you have provided your name, data may be withdrawn until the point where any written work has been sent to peer review.

By participating in this survey, you consent to the investigators citing your words in written reports and scholarly articles related to the Women and Youth Resilience Project. You may choose to remain anonymous. Our principal 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. If you have any questions about the project now or afterward, please feel free to contact the Principal Investigator or Study Coordinator whose contact information is at the top of this form. If you have any questions, please email the research team before completing the survey. Completing the survey implies consent.

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/>.