

**RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ACADEMIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COURSE (ACE)**

ACE Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Community Engagement Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration for Sam Houston State University's ("SHSU") allowing me to enroll in the above-listed course which has been designated as an ACE course ("the Course"), I hereby acknowledge that my enrollment in the Course and participation in the Community Engagement Experience associated with the Course has immense value to me, including but not limited to the opportunity to gain experience and great personal fulfillment that comes from Community Engagement, while contributing to the quality of life of the city or region in which I live. I (for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators) hereby release, hold harmless, discharge, and otherwise agree to indemnify Sam Houston State University (SHSU), the Texas State University System, their regents, employees, agents, and volunteers ("the Released Parties") from and for any claims, demands, liability, lawsuits, injuries (including death), property damage, attorney's fees, expenses, costs, causes of action, judgments, or awards of any kind or character ("Loss") that may accrue, arise, or otherwise exist because of my participation in a Community Engagement Experience as a requirement of the ACE course listed above. I intend this release to include any Loss sustained by a third party through whom or on behalf of whom (or whose estate) I may assert a claim, lawsuit, or cause of action. **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THIS RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY RELEASES, HOLDS HARMLESS, CONTRACTUALLY BINDS ME TO INDEMNIFY (I.E., REIMBURSE THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY LOSS THEY MAY SUSTAIN, RESULTING FROM A CLAIM BY A THIRD PARTY) AND OTHERWISE EXONERATES THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER THAT NEGLIGENCE IS THE SOLE OR CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF MY LOSS.** I intend this release, hold harmless and indemnity to be as broad and comprehensive as possible as I do not desire that the Released Parties have any liability, directly to me, my spouse (if any), my child, or indirectly to any medical provider or insurer, arising from my participation in the herein described Community Engagement Experience and/or my presence on the above-named property or facilities.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I voluntarily chose to enroll in the above-named ACE Course, understanding that the Community Engagement Experience would be a course requirement. Therefore, my participation in the Community Engagement Experience is voluntary, and I hereby confirm that no one has compelled me to participate in the Community Engagement Experience. I understand that this Community Engagement Experience is not sponsored by SHSU, and that there are inherent risks associated with the Community Engagement Experience. I further understand that providing services to the community can be a dangerous, sometimes life-threatening activity. There are various hazards associated with Community Engagement Experiences, such as my own experience or lack of experience, and the unpredictability of other individuals with whom I may come in contact while participating in the Community Engagement Experience. I understand that these risks may result in personal injury, property damage or death. On behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, I voluntarily assume any and all risk of Loss as defined and described in the above Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I REPRESENT THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD WHAT IS WRITTEN ABOVE AND THAT I VOLUNTARILY BIND MYSELF TO THE TERMS AND CODITIONS STATED.**

Signed on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Signature

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Printed Name