**Waiver and General Release of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

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**The Florida Sheriffs Explorers Association, the agencies that conduct the Explorer Delegates/State Conference, and premises upon which training occurs, including each of their affiliates, subsidiaries, members, employees, officers, instructors, aides, and/or agents (the “Released Parties”) cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in this Explorer Delegates/State Conference utilizing the Released Parties’ services or premises (collectively, the “Delegates/State Conference”). It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in the Delegate/State Conferences, you may be**

**exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.**

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**ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19.** I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself, and for my family members or others who I may expose, in order to participate in the Delegates/State Conference. These services are of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to participate in the Delegates/State Conference

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**WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against the Released Parties in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my participation in the Delegates/State Conference.** I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence, and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

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**OTHER TERMS:** I fully understand and agree that (a) this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Florida; (b) if any portion of this Agreement is for any reason held invalid or legally unenforceable, then the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and legal effect; and (c) I have had the opportunity to ask any questions about this Agreement and I fully understand its terms and meaning.

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**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND GENERAL RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above. I have the legal right to consent to and, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the terms and conditions of this Waiver and General Release.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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