CONSENT TO DNA TESTING

*THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR DNA SAMPLE*

HOW LONG DO YOU KEEP THE CHEEK CELLS?

We do not return samples to the people from whom we collect them. We will discard your cells when the Genographic Project is finished. We are not a gene or tissue bank, so we do not have to keep your genetic material for any particular length of time. During the project, you will have the opportunity to contact Family Tree DNA, the company licensed to perform testing for Genographic Project participants, to request follow-up testing. Unless you do so before the conclusion of our project, your cells will be discarded and will not be available for follow-up testing.

MAY CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 PARTICIPATE?

Yes, but only with parental or guardian consent.

WILL OTHER PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT MY TESTS?

The results of our project will be presented on television, the radio, and the Internet and in newspapers, magazines, and other media. Your genetic data will be included only if you agree to have your data included as part of our collective presentation of trends and patterns. If you agree to have your data included, we will not disclose any information that reveals your identity – we do not have the ability to link your personally identifiable information with your genetic data.
RECORDS THAT WOULD ENABLE US TO LOOK UP YOUR PASSWORD IF YOU LOSE IT.

PASSWORD IN ORDER TO ACCESS YOUR GENETIC MIGRATORY PROFILE. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOES NOT HAVE

sample you send to us. The only link to your DNA sample is the Genographic Project password provided above. YOU MUST RETAIN THIS

National Geographic does not retain any personally identifiable information about you to link your personally identifiable information with the

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benefits to you from participating in this project will be to learn more about your family origins and

PATERNAL OR GUARDIAN CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF A CHILD UNDER AGE 18.

THE GENETIC TESTS TO BE PERFORMED DO NOT TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR HEALTH OR ABOUT ANY HEALTH

We will keep your cheek cells only for the Genographic Project. Your cells will not be used for any other purpose without your written per-

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE SPECIMENS?

We do not know of any risk to you from taking the cheek brush sample or having your DNA sample analyzed to determine the migratory

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OR BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEST?

We are unable to complete the genetic analysis of the sample unless you select ONE DNA test to be performed on your sample and provide appropriate consent to do the testing. Only ONE test will be run per Participation Kit. By marking the type of test to be run and returning

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE CHEEK SWAB?

INFORMATION ON DNA TESTING

We will obtain DNA from the cheek cells collected from the swab brushes. Instructions on how to use these brushes properly are detailed in this kit. The DNA from these brushes will be used to study the migratory routes your deep ancestors followed and the different groups that contributed to your family history. Once you access your results on the Web site, you may elect to contribute your data to the global database of genetic information, at which point we will ask some questions about your recent family history. These questions will be about language, birthplace, and ethnic group; all are optional.

Additional information about the testing is provided in this pamphlet. If you have any questions concerning the Genographic Project, your rights, or the procedures involved, please visit our Web site at www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/faqs.html.

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO TEST ME?

You are invited to participate in a test for genetic markers that provide information on your deep ancestry. You do not have to participate in this project. Please read the content and information on DNA testing carefully. If you do not understand something, please visit our Web site at www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/faqs.html.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OR BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEST?

We do not know of any risk to you from taking the cheek brush sample or having your DNA sample analyzed to determine the migratory history of your deep ancestors. The benefit to you from participating in this project will be to learn more about your family origins and your relationships to other people around the world while participating in a real-time research project.

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