**IRB Application Number:** 2010A9526

**Consent Form**

**Smoke Free Campus Initiative: Opinion Survey about Tobacco Use and Exposure at Texas State University-San Marcos**

2010-2011 Academic Year

Dear Texas State Student:

You have been randomly selected to participate in a research study assessing Texas State University-San Marcos students' attitudes and beliefs regarding smoking on campus grounds. You were selected as a potential participant because of your current enrollment at Texas State University. The survey includes 24 items and takes an estimated 10 minutes to complete. This study is important in discovering the opinions about smoking on the Texas State University campus. This study is being conducted by ESG, a national health honorary, Delta Chi chapter. The researchers are Brittany Rosen (br1100@txstate.edu), ESG-Delta Chi chapter President, and Sally Moody (sm1563@txstate.edu), ESG-Delta Chi chapter Vice President. Other individuals involved in the research include Kelly Wilson (kw25@txstate.edu), PhD, ESG-Delta Chi chapter Faculty Advisor and Assistant Professor of Health Education at Texas State University, and Jeff Housman, PhD, Assistant Professor of Health Education at Texas State University. Data collected from the study will be used to help Associated Student Government members in their initiative for a smoke free campus at Texas State University.

Your participation in this study involves answering and submitting your responses to the online survey. Your participation is voluntary, and you are not obligated to answer any questions. You may withdraw from the study at any time without prejudice and it will not affect your standing with the University. The benefit from participating in this study is voicing your opinions about smoking on the Texas State University campus. There are no perceived risks in participating and understand all information provided will be kept confidential and presented in aggregate form. Individuals who will have access to data include researchers mentioned above. The data collected will be stored and protected in an online database for no more than 2 years. Please understand you are under no obligation to participate and may withdraw from the study at any time.

This research study has been reviewed by the Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects in Research, Texas State University. Pertinent questions about the research, research participants' rights, and/or research-related injuries to participants should be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 – lasser@txstate.edu), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

If at any time you have any questions about this study or require further information, you may contact Brittany Rosen, Sally Moody or Dr. Kelly Wilson. You may also use Brittany Rosen's or Sally Moody's email addresses to obtain a copy of this study's results. Texas State University students concerned about smoking cessation or any other questions or concerns regarding smoking may contact the Student Health Center at 512.245.2161.

By completing and submitting the survey you are agreeing to participate in this study. You may print this consent form for your records.

Thank you for helping with this study.

Sincerely,

Brittany Rosen & Sally Moody

Researchers