

## EXAMPLE OF AN APPROVED CONSENT STATEMENT

The Department of **Sociology/ Anthropology** supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided so that you can decide whether you wish to participate in the present study. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate you are free to withdraw at any time, without penalty.

The study is concerned with the kinds of troubling experience people have had. You will be asked to write anonymously about one troubling experience. You will use 'I' for yourself and will change the names of other people in the narration so that anonymity can be preserved. Your account will be identified only by a code number. At a second session you will be asked to rate it and other people's troubling experiences in several different ways.

Your participation is solicited, but strictly voluntary. Do not hesitate to ask any questions about the study. Be assured that your name will not be associated in any way with the research findings. We appreciate your cooperation very much.

Sincerely,

**(Unique Grady, Amanda Cane, Mara Coufal, and Ariel Sherer)**

Name of Principal Investigator **Mara Coufal**  
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Signature of individual agreeing to participate

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Date