INTRODUCTION STATEMENT

FOR USE WITH SURVEYS/QUESTIONNAIRES

The statement below must be included as an introduction on all surveys/questionnaires that are completed for research purposes. The information in blue should be updated to reference the particular research that is being conducted.

You are being asked to take part in a research study about [insert general description/purpose of the study}. Your responses are completely anonymous and cannot be linked back to you.  Participation is voluntary.  If you are a student or employee, your participation in this study will have no effect on your grades or employment status. Completing the survey will take about [how long].  By providing responses to the questions, you are providing consent to participate in the research study.  If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Principal Investigator at: [insert name and email/phone number].  This protocol has been acknowledged by the Institutional Review Board under IRB # E\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For research studies that include a separate information sheet, email script, or other method of communication with the potential subject, this introduction will still be required to be included at the beginning of the survey.