ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I voluntarily choose to participate in the Activity identified below. I agree that I am responsible for my behavior and safety at all times traveling to and from the Activity and during the Activity. Except as specifically listed below, I agree that I am responsible for all my expenses for travel to and from the Activity and participation in the Activity.

In consideration for the services or assistance provided to me by Mount Mercy University, I, for myself, my heirs and personal representatives, assume any and all risk which might be associated with the Activity. I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue Mount Mercy University, its insurers, trustees, officers, employees or other representatives, for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever I suffer in any way related to my participation in the Activity. (All persons under age 18 must have a parent or guardian signature.)

I further agree to the following:

Behavioral and Academic Standards: Participation in the Activity may be denied or rescinded due to behavioral or academic concerns. Disruptive behavior, academic dishonesty, or other improprieties will not be tolerated. Participation in the Activity may be terminated by Mount Mercy University for violation of these standards, along with forfeiture of program fees and loss of academic credit for the Activity.

Drug Use and Other Illegal Activities: The possession or use of any quantity of marijuana, cocaine, or other illegal substance is strictly prohibited during participation in the Activity. The consequences of substance abuse or other illegal activity at any time during participation in the Activity include immediate expulsion from the Activity, forfeiture of all Activity fees, and loss of academic credit for the Activity. Furthermore, U.S. citizens in a foreign country are subject to the laws of that country. Neither the U.S. Embassy nor Mount Mercy University can obtain release from jail in a foreign country.

Inherent Conditions, Hazards and Risks: Mount Mercy University acts only to provide the opportunity for participation in the Activity and does not guarantee satisfaction with the Activity or a student's well being. Students will not be closely supervised and are responsible for using good judgment to ensure their own health, safety and welfare. There are certain inherent conditions, hazards, and risks for which Mount Mercy University can not and will not assume responsibility. These include, but are not limited to, inclement weather, natural disasters, labor disputes, riots, terrorism, delays or disruption of travel or accommodations, accidents, and disease. During the participation in the Activity, and during transit to or from the Activity, Mount Mercy University will not be responsible for any injury or damage or for any personal liability sustained or incurred.

Medical Needs and Health Insurance: The student and his or her parents are responsible for assessing medical needs. Physical or emotional problems may be exacerbated by stresses associated with participation in the Activity. A student must be medically able and prepared to participate in the Activity, including appropriate immunizations. The student and his or her parents are responsible for verifying that the student will have adequate health insurance coverage and that it will remain effective for the duration of the Activity.

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment: Mount Mercy University representation is not available at all Activity sites. Nevertheless, by signing this document, you are granting permission to Mount Mercy University and any person acting on behalf of Mount Mercy University to authorize emergency medical treatment for you when deemed necessary, and you are agreeing that neither Mount Mercy University nor the person acting on behalf of Mount Mercy University or damage that may arise out of or in connection with such authorization.

Description of Activity

Date & Location of Activity

Participant Signature and Date

Parent or Guardian Signature for Participants Under Age 18 and Date