



**ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal, state, and local health agencies recommend specific local protocols to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RISK: I understand the New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) will be following all recommendations from the federal, state, and local government and health agencies to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, NYFOA cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in programs of NYFOA could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19.

I attest that:

- I am not experiencing any symptoms of illness such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- I have not traveled internationally in the past 14 days.
- I have not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States in the past 14 days.
- I do not believe that I have been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
- If I have been diagnosed with COVID-19, I have been cleared as a non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.

By participating in NYFOA programs and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death, I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 diseases may result from the actions, omissions, of myself and others, including, but not limited to NYFOA volunteers, other participants, visitors or vendors.

I voluntarily agree to assume all the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including but not limited to personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss claim, liability or expenses of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my participation in NYFOA programming. On my behalf, and on behalf of my heirs and estates, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless NYFOA, its directors, officers, volunteers, agents and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes Claims based on the actions, or omissions of NYFOA, its directors, officers, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my participation.

_____ Address: _____

Participant Name (Please Print)

_____ Date : _____

Participant Signature

Return this signed form to the sponsoring NYFOA Chapter Representative prior to participation.