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STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LAWS

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_____ (hereinafter called the "Signatory")
(Name of Organization, Institution, or Individual)

HEREBY AGREES THAT:

It will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), and all Federal regulations adopted to carry out such laws. This assurance is directed to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin (Title VI), handicap (Section 504), sex (Title IX, in education programs and activities only), or age (Age Discrimination Act) be excluded from participation in , be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the Signatory receiving Federal financial assistance or other benefits under statutes administered by VA (Department of Veteran Affairs), the ED (Department of Education), or any other Federal agency. This assurance applies whether assistance is given directly to the recipient or indirectly through benefits paid to a student, trainee, or other beneficiary because of enrollment or participation in a program of the Signatory.

The Signatory HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE that it will promptly take measures to effect this agreement.

If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Signatory or ED, this assurance shall obligate the Signatory, or in the case of transfer of such property any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. In all cases, this assurance shall obligate the Signatory for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extended to any of its programs by VA, ED or any other Federal agency.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance, including facilities furnished or payments made under sections 104 and 244(1) of Title 38, U.S.C. Also, sections 1713, 1720, 1720A, 1741-1743, 2408, 5902(a)(2), 8131-8137, 8151-8156 (formerly 613, 620, 620A, 641-643, 1008, 3402(a)(2), 5031-5037, 5051-5056 respectively) and 38 U.S.C. chapters 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 82, and 10 U.S.C. chapter 106. Under the terms of an agreement between VA and ED, this assurance also includes Federal financial assistance given by ED through programs administered by that agency. Federal financial assistance is understood to include benefits paid directly to the Signatory and/or benefits paid to a beneficiary contingent upon the beneficiary's enrollment in a program or using services offered by the Signatory.

The Signatory agrees that Federal financial assistance or other benefits will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance; that VA or ED will withhold financial assistance, facilities, or other benefits to assure compliance with the equal opportunity laws; and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the Signatory, its successors, transferees, and assignees for the period during which assistance is provided. The Signatory assures that all contractors, subcontractors, subgrantees, or others with whom it arranges to provide services or benefits to its students or trainees in connection with the Signatory's programs or services are not discriminating against those students or trainees in violation of the above statutes.

The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL	DATE

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL