

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19
For _____ Event (“Society Event”)**

The coronavirus disease, 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 and state health agencies recommend a number of prevention practices, including social distancing, cloth face covers and have, in many locations, limited the gathering of people.

The Hardy Plant Society / Mid-Atlantic Region (“the Society”) recommends that persons attending the Society events follow the government promulgated COVID-19 rules and recommendations for preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the Society cannot guarantee that you will not become exposed or infected with COVID-19, while attending the Society Event.

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 while attending this Society Event and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.

I understand that the risk of exposure to or infection by COVID-19 at the Society event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Society members and volunteers, program participants, and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of 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 expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at this Society Event (“Claims”).

Accordingly, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Society, its members and 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 any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Society, its members and volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in this Society Event.

Signature

Date

Print Name: _____