**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 our federal, state, and local governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and have issued specific emergency orders and guidelines to limit the gathering of groups of people, including those at school. Consistent with those federal, state, and local guidelines the Highlands United Methodist Church Children’s Development Center (“the CDC”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the opportunity for the spread of COVID-19; however, the CDC cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the CDC could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the CDC and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or even death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the CDC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, CDC employees, other parents, other children and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at the CDC (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Highlands United Methodist Church, the CDC, their employees, 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 CDC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any CDC program.

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