

# AFFIRMATION FOR EXEMPTION OF FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENT UNDER ACT 153

(AMENDMENT TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW)

Under Act 153 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the following background check clearances are required of all individuals, 18 years of age or older, who have either direct contact with children or are directly responsible for the welfare of a child or children:

- 1) Report of criminal history from the Pennsylvania State Police; and
- 2) Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services.

Additionally, a fingerprint-based federal criminal history (FBI) submitted through the Pennsylvania State Police or its authorized agent is required if:

- a) the position is a paid position; or
- b) the individual has lived outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the last ten years; or
- c) the individual has been convicted of an offense under §6344.

**VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN FBI CLEARANCE BECAUSE THEY ARE APPLYING FOR AN UNPAID POSITION MUST STILL SWEAR OR AFFIRM IN WRITING THAT THEY ARE NOT DISQUALIFIED FROM SERVICE BASED UPON A CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER §6344 (see reverse side) AND THEY HAVE BEEN A CONTINUOUS RESIDENT OF PA FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS .**

Therefore, ALL individuals, 18 years of age or older, who have direct contact with a child or are directly responsible for the welfare of a child in the course of employment or while participating in any youth program MUST complete this document and return it to Human Resources at Whitehall Township within fifteen (15) days of receipt.

I HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM THAT I (check each that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Have been a continuous resident of Pennsylvania for the past ten (10) years; and

\_\_\_\_\_ Am not disqualified from service based upon a conviction of an offense under §6344(c).

(ANY PERSON KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY MAKING A FALSE AFFIRMATION ON THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES)

Signature

Printed Name

Date