MEMORANDUM FOR: Name of Principal Investigator, Department of Principal Investigator, Address

SUBJECT: Command Approval for Research

1. References:
   b. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 3216.02, Protection of Human Subjects and Adherence to Ethical Standards in DoD-Conducted and -Supported Research
   c. Army Regulation 70-25, Protection of Human Subjects in Research
   d. USMA Regulation 70-25, Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)
   e. Identify the agreement under which the support is provided, if any.

2. Approval. I hereby approve the request for support described below.
   a. Name of Researcher:
   b. Title of Protocol:
   c. Protocol Number:
   d. Date of Protocol:
   e. Summary: Provide a brief synopsis of the research here.

3. The approval is conditional on the researcher providing the Human Protections Director (HPD) a copy of the protocol, informed consent (if applicable), and institutional approval. This is required to ensure that there is a DoD Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) determination that the activity is compliant with the References. Please contact the following person to coordinate completion of this review: HPD, HRPP@westpoint.edu, 845.938.7385.

4. Scope. I give permission for name of department/activity/directorate to provide support to the above referenced research by describe the resources being provided (including personnel, equipment, facilities) to describe the research study or the personnel receiving the support.
5. Conditions of approval for research involving human subjects: If this activity is research involving human subjects, this approval is provided on the condition of, and with the understanding that, the researcher’s institution will:

   a. Provide to my command any human research protection program-related support necessary to implement and oversee the above referenced activity.

   b. Obtain and comply with the terms of its DoD or Federalwide Assurance for the Protection of Human Research Subjects for this DoD-supported research involving human subjects (if applicable).

   c. Inform me via my point of contact below regarding any relevant unanticipated problem involving risk to subjects or others, or serious or continuing noncompliance.

   d. Obtain publication clearance review from my command before publishing or otherwise releasing findings from this research to members of the public (e.g., via abstracts).

6. Military and civilian supervisors, officers, and others in the chain of command are prohibited from influencing their subordinates to participate in human subject research and may not be present during any recruitment sessions or during the consent process.

7. The data collected at USMA belong to USMA and may not be shared, transferred, or exchanged with anyone outside of the research team without prior authorization, except as specified in the approved protocol.

8. Affirmation. By endorsing this request, I affirm I have determined the above-referenced research activity is mission critical and will be worth the time/cost of Army support, or the research will not negatively impact the mission. I acknowledge that my office assumes responsibility for ensuring the portion of the activity supported by my area of responsibility meets all applicable regulatory requirements.

9. POC. The action officer is Karen Peck, HRPP@westpoint.edu, 845.938.7385.

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