DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY GROUPS

MINORITIES:
All persons classified as Black, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaskan Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander.

BLACK:
(Not of Hispanic origin) A racial category of persons with origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, Jamaica, the West Indies, and Haiti.

HISPANIC:
An ethnic category of persons of Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. These are persons of Puerto Rican, Mexican, Cuban, Dominican and Spanish ancestry. Spanish ancestry includes Spain and any of the Spanish speaking countries of Central and South America.

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE:
A racial category of persons that can document themselves as ¼ degree of Indian ancestry and are members of a federally recognized North American Indian tribe.

ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER:
A racial category of persons with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent and the Pacific Islands. These areas include China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Republic, Vietnam, India, Hawaii, Guam, and Samoa.

INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

The information regarding race, national origin and sex designation solicited on this application is requested in order to assure the Federal Government, acting through Rural Development, MSHDA and HUD, that Federal Laws prohibiting discrimination against tenant applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, age and handicap are complied with. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your application or to discriminate against you in any way. However, if you choose not to furnish it, the owner is required to note the race/origin and sex of individual applicants on the basis of visual observation or surname.

APPLICANT: I do not wish to furnish this information (initials) ____________

RACE / NATIONAL ORIGIN: □ Black          □ Hispanic          □ White
(Select one or more)            □ American Indian, Alaskan Native Asian,  □ Pacific Islander
SEX: □ Male   □ Female  (Select One)

CO-APPLICANT: I do not wish to furnish this information (initials) ____________

RACE / NATIONAL ORIGIN: □ Black          □ Hispanic          □ White
(Select one or more)            □ American Indian, Alaskan Native Asian,  □ Pacific Islander
SEX: □ Male   □ Female  (Select One)

APPLICANT: ___________________________   (Signature)

CO-APPLICANT: ___________________________   (Signature)

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