(Form 2 **Applicant Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**)

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I am a Peace Officer applicant, or a candidate for appointment or certification to a position as a Peace Officer in the State of Georgia, or for attendance at a basic training course required for such appointment and certification.

1. I hereby request that my former employers release to any law enforcement agency requesting employment related information as defined in O.C.G.A. §35-8-8(c)(1) the following:

All written information contained in a prior employer's records or personnel files that relates to an applicant's, candidate's, or peace officer's performance or behavior while employed by such prior employer, including performance evaluations, records of disciplinary actions, and eligibility for rehire. Such term shall not include information prohibited from disclosure by federal law or any document not in the possession of the employer at the time a request for such information is received.

2. In consideration of your providing such information to my prospective Law Enforcement employer, I hereby forever release and agree to hold harmless and to defend from all liability for any claims, causes of action or suits or charges by every former employer who provides such complete and accurate information about my employment to the requesting law enforcement agency in accord with O.C.G.A.§35-8-8(c)(2).

3. I understand that O.C.G.A. §35-8-8(c)(5) provides as follows:

Before taking final action on an application for employment based, in whole or in part, on any unfavorable employment related information received from a previous employer, a law enforcement agency shall inform the applicant, candidate, or peace officer that it has received such employment related information, and that the applicant, candidate, or peace officer may inspect and respond in writing to such information. Upon the applicant's, candidate's, or peace officer's request, the law enforcement agency shall allow him or her to inspect the employment related information and to submit a written response to such information. The request for inspection shall be made within five business days from the date that the applicant, candidate, or peace officer is notified of the law enforcement agency's receipt of such employment related information. The inspection shall occur not later than ten business days after said notification. Any response to the employment related information shall be made by the applicant, candidate, or peace officer not later than three business days after his or her inspection.

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Applicant Signature (Print Name)

Sworn to Before Me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Signature of Notary

My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_