Open Source Seed Initiative Variety Designation Agreement

This is an agreement between the Open Source Seed Initiative (OSSI) and plant breeder
__________________________________________________________ (plant breeder’s name)
Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
E-mail address: ___________________________ Phone number: ____________________________

I, ___________________________________ (plant breeder’s name), as the breeder, co-breeder, or agent of the varieties, populations, or plant materials listed below, hereby agree to designate them as “Open Source Seed Initiative Pledged” (OSSI-Pledged). I affirm that I am the breeder, co-breeder, or agent of the variety or varieties listed, that I have permission from any and all breeders or co-breeders to designate them as OSSI-Pledged, that the information I have provided about them to the OSSI Board of Directors is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that there are to the best of my knowledge no unexpired plant patents, Plant Variety Protection Certificates, contracts, licenses, or other intellectual property protections associated with these varieties that would preclude my designating them as OSSI-Pledged.

The OSSI-Pledged designation will be conferred following approval of the variety(ies) by the Variety Review Committee of the OSSI Board of Directors.

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_______________________________________            (add additional pages as necessary)

As an OSSI Variety Contributor, the breeder agrees to:

1. Distribute, transfer, or sell seed or germplasm of the designated varieties or populations or plant materials named above exclusively under the terms of the OSSI Pledge.

2. Include a written notice (e.g., by letter, e-mail, flyer) of the OSSI Pledge with any distribution, transfer, or sale of any seed or germplasm of the varieties or populations or plant materials named above.
3. Except that, if the Contributor has existing distribution, transfer, or sales arrangements for a variety or population or plant material named above that predate this agreement, those arrangements may continue without obligation to OSSI, at the Contributor’s discretion.

The Open Source Seed Initiative agrees to:

1. Allow the Contributor to use its trademarks and logos in association with the varieties or populations or germplasm named above.
2. Include the Contributor on the OSSI website with a short biography and a link to the Contributor’s web site.
3. Include the Contributor’s OSSI-Pledged varieties or populations or plant materials on the OSSI website.

Breeder signature _______________________________________________    Date  _______________
Breeder printed name  ________________________________________________

OSSI signature  ________________________________________________    Date  _______________
OSSI printed name and position __________________________________________________________

Please print out two copies of this agreement. Complete, sign and date both of them and send them to Open Source Seed Initiative, 1251 Sweetbriar Rd., Madison, WI 53705. OSSI will countersign the documents and return one to you.

v10 (as approved in the OSSI BoD meeting of 2-25-16)