



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors
FROM: The Board of Directors
DATE: November 2, 2017
RE: Proposed Position Statement on Hazing

As outlined in Article XII of the Bylaws, there are two types of resolutions: those construed as policy or position statements of the Association, and those intended to be commemorative or construed as special recognition of events or individuals.

The Association first adopted a resolution on hazing in November 1979. The Association then adopted a position statement on hazing and educational initiatives in December 1980. Both resolutions were re-affirmed in December 1999.

Upon recommendation from the Resolutions Committee, the Board of Directors proposes the consolidation of both statements into the following, updated position statement on hazing:

POSITION STATEMENT ON HAZING

WHEREAS The Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors first addressed the issue of hazing through resolution action in November 1979; and

WHEREAS The dignity, respect, and worth of every individual is paramount;

WHEREAS Addressing the issue of hazing requires action from state and federal legislators, as well as collaboration from all stakeholders involved in fraternity/sorority life, including campus-based fraternity/sorority advisors, inter/national organization staff members and volunteers, alumni, and students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors reaffirms its opposition to hazing in any form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association encourages all institutions and organizations to adopt policies that prohibit hazing and other behaviors that devalue and degrade individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association supports the use of a comprehensive approach to hazing prevention that is research-based, multi-component, coordinated, synergistic, collaborative, and continually evaluated.