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 reaffirmed 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.