

## **HAZING**

WHEREAS, hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, knowingly, whether on or off Sorority premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: Use of alcohol; creation of excessive fatigue; physical or psychological shocks; quests of any type; the wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts or jokes; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities; interference with regular class attendance or study time; and any other activities which are not consistent with the rules, policies and regulations of the educational institution or the ritual, policies and procedures of the National Organization, and

WHEREAS, in many states, hazing practices are against the law, and

WHEREAS, all Sigma Sigma Sigma group and individual activities should exemplify love and respect for each Sister, and

WHEREAS, hazing does not exemplify love and respect toward a new member sister but rather a degree of physical abuse and undignified treatment, and

WHEREAS, hazing abuse may harm a Sister physically and/or emotionally, and

WHEREAS, hazing may create an uncomfortable atmosphere in the chapter, and

WHEREAS, hazing may draw criticism from campus, community, parents, and potential members, and

WHEREAS, chapter "spirit" and "unification activities" should be a reflection of the group's appreciation of each member's personal worth and should contribute to an increasingly meaningful participation and to mature relationships within the chapter, and

WHEREAS, hazing may subject Sigma Sigma Sigma chapters, individual members, or both to legal liability, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that hazing shall have no part in a chapter program, because it is detrimental to Sigma Sigma Sigma Sisterhood, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any member or chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma participating in hazing practices is subject to disciplinary action.