

**Theta Delta Chi Fraternity**  
Statement of Position on Hazing  
Approved by the Grand Lodge June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004  
Approved by the 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges are concerned about the senseless and dangerous practices of hazing and initiation practices antithetical to the laws and underlying principals for which Theta Delta Chi stands; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges believe that the dangers of hazing are matters deserving to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges believe that a fraternity without morally sound principles and practices is not a constructive influence on college people;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi and its Charges that the following policies be formally adopted by consent of the 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention:

1. That hazing be defined as any action or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, and whether with consent or not to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such actions include but are not limited to any activities that are not consistent with the Constitution or By-laws of Theta Delta Chi, fraternity policy, federal, state, or local laws, or policies of a host institution.
2. That hazing shall be eliminated from all fraternity affairs, and will not be condoned by any pledge/new member, brothers, or alumni of Theta Delta Chi.
3. That all colonies should adopt the fraternity new member program approved by the Grand Lodge, and that all Charges are also encouraged to adopt the said program.
4. That any Charge suspended for an alleged hazing incident should adopt the fraternity new member program approved by the Grand Lodge before their suspension shall be lifted.
5. That all pledge/new member programs be directed towards creating a better understanding of the fraternity, and the understanding of opportunities for self improvement that are offered for the individual that are congruent with that of the Charge or colony's host institution.
6. All pledge/new member programs shall last no longer than 12 weeks with the pledge/new member being fully initiated into our fraternity by the 12<sup>th</sup> week of the program. Theta Delta Chi encourages our Charges to adopt pledge programs that last less than 12 weeks.