



## Hazing Statement Acknowledgement

**I accept the invitation to become a new member of a fraternity recognized by the Interfraternity Council or a sorority recognized by the Panhellenic Council at Florida Southern College.**

**Florida Southern College prohibits hazing. To familiarize yourself with the hazing policy, please read and sign below.**

It is a violation for students, faculty, staff, or alumni to engage in any activity that may be construed as hazing on or off campus. Hazing is any action taken or situation created that produces mental, emotional, or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to, paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities that call undue attention to a difference in status between initiated and non-initiated members (running errands, carrying food or trays, etc.), and late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities, regulations, and policies of Florida Southern College.

Violations by individuals or student groups constitute grounds for disciplinary action. The policy on hazing applies to all campus organizations.

**Florida Statute 240.262:** Hazing means any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under sanction of a university or college...(Hazing) shall include, but not be limited to any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any activity as described above upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a university or college organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be a forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

**As a prospective chapter member, I have read and understand the position of the College and my fraternity regarding hazing. I pledge that I will refuse to participate in any activity believed to be hazing found within my chapter and will report those that violate the policy and law.**

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**Printed Name of New Member**

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**Date**

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**Signature of New Member**

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**Chapter Name**