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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA - On Friday, June 29, 2018, the Fraternity's Board of Directors, on behalf of the 48<sup>th</sup> House of Delegates, announced the passing of a new resolution aimed at enhancing the member experience and preserving the safety of chapters and their campus community.

After careful consideration and discussion, the 48th House of Delegates passed a resolution eliminating the use of hard-alcohol at fraternity events and fraternity facilities. The resolution specifies hard alcohol is prohibited from any chapter events and facilities unless served by a licensed third-party vendor. The resolution will take effect on September 1, 2019.

"This resolution allows our members to better focus on personal development, supporting our core vision to build noble generations of men. Alcohol abuse distracts from our vision -- we need to embody our Principles, being leaders and positive influences in our communities," 40<sup>th</sup> National President of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon said. "I'm very proud our membership voted to be ahead of the curve and be leaders in the industry. It shows our member's commitment to ensuring the mutual safety and wellness of each other."

Since 1920, Sigma Tau Gamma has demonstrated a commitment to decisions based on our Principles, and to have the forward-thinking ideas of noble gentlemen. As leaders in this change, Sigma Tau Gamma is one of four fraternal groups to pass a resolution of this nature before the 2018 – 2019 academic school year began.

Not only is Sigma Tau Gamma taking strides to ensure our future endeavors, but the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) is taking the necessary steps for long-term success of the fraternal world. On August 27, 2018, at the NIC Annual Meeting, 66 fraternal groups passed a new standard, prohibiting hard alcohol from fraternity chapter facilities and events. More than 6,100 chapters on 800 campuses will implement the new standard by September 1, 2019.



Our 98-year history has been member-focused and committed to serving as positive forces in men's lives and the communities they call home. To build generations of noble men, we must continue to endeavor forward by making choices positively impacting the safety and wellness of our members.

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## ABOUT SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY

Founded at the University of Central Missouri on June 28, 1920, the organization will commemorate its 100th Anniversary in 2020. With a presence on 85 campuses in 31 states, our membership includes 3,000 undergraduate men and 61,000 living alumni. The Headquarters, which is home to the Fraternity, Foundation, and WPN Housing Company, is located in Indianapolis, Indiana, 12 miles from the center of downtown. Visit <u>http://sigtau.org</u> for additional information

