

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS originally founded as a legal fraternity, Delta Chi still maintains as its cardinal principle the observance of and respect for the law, and

WHEREAS as recognized by the Preamble to the Delta Chi Constitution, the Fraternity is built upon the belief that the close association of a brotherhood of college and university men will promote friendship, develop character, advance justice, and assist in the acquisition of a sound education, and

WHEREAS Article V of the Delta Chi Constitution states that an individual must be “male” to be eligible for membership in the Fraternity, and the term “male” is not defined in Delta Chi Law, and

WHEREAS the Fraternity has received numerous official inquiries from chapters and educational institutions regarding the definition of male and the application of the Fraternity’s membership criteria to transgender males, and

WHEREAS, over 994 colleges and universities in the United States, including the majority of institutions where Delta Chi chapters are located, have included gender identity in their nondiscrimination policies, and

WHEREAS the Fraternity’s all-male status as a brotherhood of college and university men is based upon its right to intimate association guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and recognizing that the extent of said associational rights may be determined by the clarity of the Fraternity’s governing documents and implementation of its membership criteria;

WHEREAS the United States Departments of Education and Justice have formally stated that a fraternity’s admission of a transgender member does not jeopardize its single-sex exemption under Title IX;

WHEREAS it is the intent of Delta Chi Fraternity to define its membership criteria and maintain its all-male character consistent with its rights under the United States Constitution and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the principles and ideals of the Delta Chi Fraternity are based upon the close association of a brotherhood of college and university men. Any individual who identifies as a man is eligible for membership in the Fraternity if otherwise determined to be qualified. This policy is intended to uphold the status of Delta Chi as a brotherhood of men and should not be interpreted as changing the all-male character of the Fraternity or as a waiver of the Fraternity’s exempt status under Title IX.



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