

Resolution #GCC21-9
Protect and Honor our Native Lands

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon's mission is Building Balanced Men, which is achieved through a commitment to a Sound Mind and a Sound Body; and

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon is committed to working with our host institutions as a valued partner in higher education; and

WHEREAS

SigEp is redefining fraternity on college campuses across the country; and

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon can fulfill its mission by Building Balanced Men who develop holistic understandings of the world around them; and

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon can support our host institutions alongside local communities by aligning its operations to add value to those communities; and

WHEREAS

Sigma Phi Epsilon can continue serving as a national leader amongst Greek Life organizations by taking a stand to steward the lands and communities they operate within;

WHEREAS

Chapter operations across the country have associated environmental impacts, including but not limited to, greenhouse gas emissions from energy consumption, generation of landfill waste, and ecosystem degradation; and be it

RESOLVED

The SIGMA PHI EPSILON ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 8 -- PROTECT AND HONOR OUR NATIVE LANDS be added to read:

All chapters and members thereof will act as stewards of the lands and communities that their chapter facilities reside within. Members will consider the impacts of their actions and work to protect the natural environments they inhabit, acknowledging that they were not the first to

occupy those lands, nor will they be the last to do so. Additionally, chapters will seek to align their operations to add value to the college campus and other local communities;
and be it

RESOLVED

that chapters are encouraged to mitigate the environmental impact of their operations through practices including but not limited to energy conservation, waste reduction, recycling, composting, intentional programming, and other educational programs; and be it

RESOLVED

that the National Board of Directors will ask the DEI Committee to establish a national standard for addressing our environmental impacts, the legacy of indigenous lands, and other related issues; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED

that the findings from this task force will be presented at the 58th Grand Chapter Conclave.

Committee:	Bylaws Purple Committee
Committee Recommends:	Pass as amended
Grand Chapter Action:	Pass as amended

Ryan Ware, Chairman, Bylaws Purple Committee
57th Grand Chapter Conclave - Denver, Colorado - July 28 - 31, 2021