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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN WITHDRAWS CHAPTER RECOGNITION FOLLOWING NATIONAL ACTION

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University has officially withdrawn recognition of the Zeta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, following suspension of the Chapter's charter by the National Office of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The actions resulted from an investigation and findings conducted by Eastern's Offices of Student Activities and Judicial Affairs, the University Police Department, and the Alpha Phi Alpha National Fraternity.

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Suspension of the Zeta Nu Chapter is effective immediately. The suspension is for a minimum of four years and/or until the last active member has graduated from the University. At that time, Eastern will consider the re-colonizing of the Chapter.

In addition, as a result of the joint action by the National Fraternity and the University, members of the Chapter cannot officially perform, represent, or affiliate as Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Nu Chapter at any University event or function. Members of the Chapter may not re-establish and/or organize themselves as any other recognized student organization. Any violations of these restrictions may result in further disciplinary action being taken.

In making the announcement, Glenn D. Williams, Eastern's Vice President for Student Affairs, said, "Eastern Illinois University is committed to the development and support of Greek social organizations which contribute to positive student development and good citizenship.

"We expect the students who choose to affiliate with fraternities and sororities to strive to live up to the ideals on which these organizations were founded. There is no place within the University Community for degrading, or potentially hazardous pledge practices, nor for any other activities which bring disrepute on individuals, fraternal organizations, or the University.

"The majority of the members of the Greek Community understand and support this. We appreciate the support and cooperation of the Alpha Phi Alpha National Fraternity in this matter."