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## **Theta Phi Alpha Announces Indefinite Suspension of Gamma Phi Chapter**

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – With great sadness, the Grand Council of Theta Phi Alpha recently voted to indefinitely suspend the charter of the Gamma Phi Chapter at Indiana University-South Bend in South Bend, Indiana.

The Gamma Phi Chapter was originally chartered in 2011 and since then they've received dedicated support from Fraternity volunteers and staff. Challenges in achieving continued successful membership recruitment results have hindered the ability of the chapter to provide the enriching membership experience that our legacy dictates.

“Making the decision to indefinitely suspend a chapter’s charter is never easy, but we look forward to continuing our lifelong sisterhood with the Gamma Phi Chapter members through their membership as alumnae,” said National President Tracey Liphardt.

The Gamma Phi Chapter will forever remain a valued part of the Theta Phi Alpha sisterhood. Collegiate members of the Gamma Phi Chapter will transition to alumnae members of Theta Phi Alpha and will continue to experience a lifetime of sisterhood along with the privileges of being a lifelong member of Theta Phi Alpha.

Theta Phi Alpha intends to re-establish the chapter when conditions are optimal for the chapter to be successful, and per the National Panhellenic Conference’s membership growth plan, which will be filed with Indiana University-South Bend.

Questions can be directed to Kathryn Hartmann at the Theta Phi Alpha National Office at (440) 899-9282.

*Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women’s organization whose mission is to provide close comradeship; to advance educational, social, and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship. A fraternity for collegiate women and alumnae, Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Today there are 57 active collegiate chapters, 36 alumnae associations and five alumnae clubs in the United States.*