The Howard University Marching Band requires that all band students sign this Anti-Hazing Contract. The anti-hazing contract is designed to provide a vehicle to stimulate open discussion of several important topics within the program. This contract should create an environment within which our Band Directors, staff and students can participate in a safe and healthy arena, while conducting themselves in accordance with the mission, goals, expectations and policies of Howard University.

In accordance to the Howard University Student H-Book, under Policies and Regulations - Section VIII: Prohibited Behaviors - number 11, states:

“Hazing is defined as conduct that causes or intends to cause psychological, emotional or physical harm to any person as a part of initiation into or affiliation with any campus-based organization.”

Furthermore, Hazing can also be defined as any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers that mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purposes of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of the university. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics (i.e. exercise), exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and any activity which would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of a student. Any activity as described upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a university organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be “forced” activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

Allowing oneself to be hazed is as unacceptable as requiring it of others. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated in this Band program. It is the responsibility and expectation that all Band students, freshmen or upperclassmen, intervene if hazing is suspected.

I understand the consequences for the violation of hazing policies may be severe. Sanctions may include suspension from the Band program or removal from the Band. The Dean of Students may impose further penalties.

Within the Student H-Book under Policies and Regulations - Section XIV: Disciplinary Sanctions states:

“The purpose of disciplinary sanctions for violations of the Code is to educate students about responsible behavior as members of the Howard University Community, to maintain order, and to protect the rights of others. Students found guilty of violating the Code are notified of any sanctions by ODSSS, which also monitors compliance with the sanction. There is no set sanction for any particular offense, with the exception of automatic expulsion for a felony conviction. Judicial Boards and Administrative Hearing Officers evaluate each case individually. Sanctions will be determined individually and will be consistent with the severity of the offense.”
All Band students, Band Directors, and Staff have a responsibility to act as role models for the general university community. The language, behavior, and actions of our Band students, Band Directors, and Staff must reflect our commitment to the mission of Howard University. Students, who believe that the behavior of other Band students is questionable, should bring the matter to the Band Directors. It is an obligation of all Band students to address inappropriate behavior or actions.

I fully understand the Howard University’s zero tolerance policy towards hazing and initiation activity. I will not engage in any hazing or initiation activity as defined by the *Howard University Student H-Book*. I further agree to provide an environment that is free from harassment of any kind.

**I further certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, or that I am the parent or legal guardian of the undersigned and do exercise that document on his/her behalf. I also certify that I enter these stipulations and agreement knowingly, freely and without coercion of any kind.**

Signature: Student

Parent/Legal Guardian

If student is under 18 years of age

Date

Date