

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 017  
(A-22)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduate Section

Subject: Humanitarian and Medical Aid Support to Ukraine

Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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1 Whereas, Ukraine has been senselessly invaded by Russia on February 24th, 2022, which  
2 resulted in a full-blown war operation involving countless attacks on civilians; and

4 Whereas, After a month of war, there have already been 10 million refugees from Ukraine with  
5 nearly half of Ukrainian families being separated, including children, people with special needs,  
6 victims of war trauma; and

8 Whereas, There are war-induced adversities affecting children that include but not limited to  
9 physical and/or mental health risks related to forced family separation, loss of access to school  
10 and healthcare, insecure access to food and shelter, and displacement from homes and  
11 communities; and

13 Whereas, War-related events cause significant mental health issues, particularly, depressive  
14 symptomatology among mothers further negatively affecting wellbeing of both mothers and their  
15 children; and

17 Whereas, Multiple medical organizations from the U.S. and worldwide denounced the war and  
18 provided help to the Ukrainian people such as medical team trips, medical equipment, financial  
19 aid, acceptance of those in need of care; and

21 Whereas, The AMA denounced the war, joined the World Medical Association and other  
22 medical societies in calling for an end to this war; and

24 Whereas, The AMA Foundation created a fund to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine;  
25 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for continuous support of  
28 organizations providing humanitarian missions and medical care to Ukrainian refugees in  
29 Ukraine, at the Polish-Ukrainian border, in nearby countries, and/or in the US; (Directive to Take  
30 Action) and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for an early implementation of mental health measures  
33 and address war-related trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder when dealing with Ukrainian  
34 refugees with special attention to vulnerable populations including but not limited to young  
35 children, mothers, and pregnant women (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for educational measures to enhance the understanding  
38 of war-related trauma in war survivors and promote efforts to increase resilience in war-affected  
39 people targeting vulnerable categories of people. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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