

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 017
(A-22)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Humanitarian and Medical Aid Support to Ukraine

Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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21 Whereas, The American Medical Association denounced the war, joined the World Medical
22 Association and other medical societies in calling for an end to this war; and
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24 Whereas, The AMA Foundation created a fund to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine;
25 therefore, be it
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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
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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
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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: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

None.