Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Humanitarian and Medical Aid Support to Ukraine

Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for educational measures to enhance the understanding of war-related trauma in war survivors and promote efforts to increase resilience in war-affected people targeting vulnerable categories of people. (Directive to Take Action)
Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000

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References:

RELEVANT AMA POLICY
None.