

RESOLUTION #21-22:29

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FROM THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE
AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF
UKRAINE**

WHEREAS, since the last week of February, households throughout our District have witnessed tragic images and reporting of the unprovoked invasion and attacks on the Ukrainian people and their homeland by the Russian military; and

WHEREAS, over four million residents have left and many more are attempting to leave Ukraine in order to protect themselves and their loved ones, as Russian ground and air attacks on urban centers continue to escalate; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainian children are no doubt suffering from intense physical and emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS, these recent and horrific acts of aggression against Ukraine, remind us how fragile a nation's border and national identity can be and that it is innocent civilians who always endure the worst consequences of modern warfare; and

WHEREAS, one of the most critical responsibilities of public education, in general is the study of American democracy, the freedoms and responsibilities enumerated in our Constitution, and for the promotion and practice of civic engagement locally, nationally, and globally; and

WHEREAS, the world community is currently receiving international call to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian victims of war, refugees, and the families on the front lines of this current assault on the sovereignty of Ukraine and the health and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a core belief of the District is that children are our greatest resource and hope for the future and priority should be given to assisting agencies that directly serve children; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Azusa Unified School District requests that the Superintendent and staff immediately develop an outreach strategy and fundraising campaign that will allow for all students and employees to participate in raising funds to assist Ukrainian children in need through activities and collection sites at all schools and offices and that those donations be forwarded to an effective, child-centered relief organization to be identified and selected by the Superintendent; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Azusa Unified School District reaffirms its commitment to welcoming and supporting refugee and international newcomer students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Azusa Unified School District, this 19th day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN _____

I, Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, Clerk of the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.

Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez,
Clerk of the Governing Board