

RESOLUTION 21R-26

To request the Trustees to consider amending the terms for Rotary Foundation grants to permit the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines

Proposer(s): District 3490, Taiwan

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
3 consider amending the terms and conditions for Rotary Foundation grants by
4 deleting the term prohibiting the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines, as follows:

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6 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT**
7 **GRANTS AND GLOBAL GRANTS**

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9 **III. RESTRICTIONS**

10 Grants cannot be used to unfairly discriminate against any group, promote a
11 particular political or religious viewpoint, support purely religious functions,
12 support activities that involve abortion or that are undertaken solely for sex
13 determination, fund the purchase of weapons or ammunition, or serve as a new
14 contribution to the Foundation or to another Foundation grant.

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16 Grants also cannot fund:

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18 ~~14. The purchase of COVID-19 vaccines~~

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

19 Despite the safety measures imposed by governments worldwide, global
20 consensus points to aggressive vaccination as the only thing that can stop the
21 overwhelming devastation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently,
22 just 10 countries have administered 75 percent of all available vaccines; this
23 means that 130 countries have yet to receive any doses. RI is in a very good
24 position to address the issue of vaccine inequity. Using global and district grants,
25 Rotarians all over the world may provide assistance to countries which do not
26 have adequate funds to purchase vaccine doses. The recommended measure is
27 not political but humanitarian in nature. Helping get vaccines into the arms of
28 the most marginalized groups fits very well into Rotary's disease prevention and
29 treatment area of focus. Moreover, this is being undertaken on an extremely
30 urgent basis, given that continued waves of outbreaks and infections, as well as
31 more transmissible and deadly variants, are threatening broad-based recovery
32 worldwide.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
- 2 The Rotary Foundation.