

RESOLUTION 21R-27

To request the RI Board to consider requesting governors to create a civil protection directorate for emergency and disaster relief

Proposer(s): District 4110, Mexico and USA

1 WHEREAS, a new area of focus, support for the environment, has been
2 authorized, and

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4 WHEREAS, every year there are countless disasters, both natural and man-made,
5 and Rotarians have come to the aid of those who have been affected and need
6 humanitarian assistance such as food, medical and emergency care, and
7 psychological support, and

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9 WHEREAS, Rotarians have a wide variety of classifications or professional
10 activities that, when properly organized, can be put to good use in assisting those
11 who are suffering the impact of calamities, as well as supporting work toward
12 prevention and the rehabilitation of ecosystems affected by emergencies and
13 disasters, and

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15 WHEREAS, the participation of Rotarians is recognized as being an important
16 asset in this matter, in the collection of supplies and medical assistance, support
17 in risk prevention and psychological support, as well as in ensuring that such
18 items are delivered to those who truly need them and that they are well used, and

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20 WHEREAS, with the onset of climate change, the incidence of emergencies and
21 disasters is increasing year by year. Consequently, the number of people affected
22 is increasing, as are their needs, requiring that the support of Rotarians be well
23 organized and properly planned, and

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25 WHEREAS, Rotary currently has no means of regulating these forms of local
26 assistance; it is necessary to give full validation to these actions for the affected
27 populations so that they receive these different types of assistance

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29 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
30 International consider requesting governors to explore the possibility of creating
31 a civil protection directorate focused upon emergencies and disasters to assist
32 those affected, to the extent possible, in order to develop appropriate guidelines
33 to support emergency prevention and response.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1 In the event of an emergency or disaster, clubs provide financial and in-kind
2 support to help the affected people. Through their clubs, districts participate,
3 without any logistics or policies, in receiving and distributing supplies, therefore,
4 it is necessary to create a directorate in the districts when implementing actions
5 of support, logistics, prevention, and recovery after an emergency. With the
6 creation of a civil protection directorate, there will be certainty that all support
7 will be delivered to those who need it. In addition, there will be training sessions,
8 research, and an exchange of ideas regarding risk prevention with members of
9 various clubs around the world that have responded to emergencies and have
10 previously implemented operations. Rotarians would have a consultative and
11 advisory body in each district to distribute such resources in the best possible
12 way, to meet the needs of those affected in the event of an emergency or disaster.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
14 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
15 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.