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Glendale Community College Community,

In the past few days we have watched the senseless and tragic attack by Russia on the people of the sovereign nation of Ukraine. This horrendous action affects many of our Glendale Community College students, staff and their families directly, much like similar attacks of aggression on other homelands that have impacted our GCC brothers and sisters. I strongly condemn these atrocious acts by aggressive nations that put all of us in danger and ask that we come together in support of those in need.

GCC values include, among others, the promotion of global awareness, critical thinking, commitment to the diversity of human experiences, and personal responsibility. We have much to do to fulfill our promise as an educational institution founded on the ideal of community colleges as "democracy's colleges."

Human rights violations, unfortunately, remain constant and we cannot lessen our vigil. We must continue to speak out and fight against oppression wherever it occurs. And presently, we must show compassion, support, and assistance for our GCC students, staff, and families who are impacted by the latest events which are being felt in Ukraine and beyond. If you know of students or colleagues in need of emotional or mental health support please have them contact the GCC Multicultural and Community Engagement Center or the GCC Health Center.

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