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TO: NMSU Faculty, Staff, and Students

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan E. Arvizu'.

SUBJECT: The situation in Ukraine

Like others around the world, I've been watching with heartache as the events of the past few weeks have unfolded in Ukraine. I've been even more saddened in recent days as the Russian invasion of a sovereign nation has escalated and civilian casualties continue to mount.

At New Mexico State University, we have students, faculty and staff members from around the world, and I know these events have been felt on our campus. We are fortunate that NMSU is such a caring community, and I'm thankful for those who have contributed in a number of ways to try to help this situation. Since the start of this crisis, we've seen community members gather in support of those who are now suffering. We've seen faculty members help students better understand this conflict. We've also seen a number of our community members make financial contributions to help those in need.

While our individual actions may not be able to bring this conflict to a swift end, I am hopeful that by coming together, we'll be able to help ease at least some of the pain for those who need it most.

Should it be needed, counseling services are available to NMSU community members at the Aggie Health and Wellness Center. For more information, please contact 575-646-1512.