



Declaration and petition on the Day of National Togetherness 2017

to the Government and Parliament of Romania

to the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (DAHR),

and the Hungarian Civic Party (HCP)

For his information to President of Romania Klaus Iohannis

As the founders of the Szeklerland Autonomy Fund, a NGO that is independent of governments consisting of civilians and democratically thinking individuals who share an interest in Transylvania and the Hungarian community, with full respect to the territorial sovereignty and legislative freedom of Romania, we hereby declare that we support the demands for the territorial autonomy of Szeklerland, and the demands for the cultural autonomy of the Hungarians living outside Szeklerland, as the only viable, internationally acceptable solution, through which a peaceful coexistence of Romanians and Hungarians can be achieved.

We protest the planned administrative restructuring of Romania that has an unspoken objective, among others, to annihilate the last natural connections among Hungarians living in compact communities.

With this proposition, we ask the government of Romania to immediately start negotiations with the Szekler National Council regarding the territorial autonomy of Szeklerland.

We call on the Hungarian representatives of the Romanian legislature to submit the draft autonomy statute, elaborated by the Szekler National Council, to the Romanian Parliament, and to assist in generating a meaningful debate on the issue of territorial self-government.

In addition, we support the petition of the Szekler National Council, as accepted on the Day of Szekler Freedom on 10 March 2017, at the Postarét in Marosvásárhely, according to which:

- We demand, the creation of an administrative and NUTS II development region called Szeklerland, vested with autonomous competencies, according to the draft law elaborated by the Szekler National Council, in the framework of the administrative reorganization of the country!
- We demand, that in the process of the administrative reorganization the Government and the Parliament respect their international obligations.
- We protest against the strangulation of our education institutions, harassment of our municipalities, the restriction of the use of our mother language, and the persecution of our symbols.
- We ask the Government to begin talks about the status of Szeklerland with the legitimate representatives of the Szekler people, the Szekler National Council and the local authorities of the region.

Non-Profit Association of Trekkers of Transylvania

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