



Municipality of Anchorage
Mayor Dave Bronson

Office of the Mayor

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As of April 13, 2022, BBC reported more than 4.7 million Ukrainians fled their homes and traveled outside Ukraine's borders into Poland, Romania, and neighboring countries to escape President Putin's invasion and carnage. The travesty of Putin's onslaught is unacceptable and a moral outrage.

Our city has a large Eastern European community, many of whom are of Ukrainian descent. These individuals are integral to our cities, neighborhoods, workforce, business, and faith-based spheres.

Anchorage has often been called the most diverse city in America. That's because as Alaskans we are tenacious in protecting and supporting our liberties and at the same time defensive of and protective against the subjugation in other nations. We are humanitarians and we care. I urge Anchorage residents and the business sector, to support, incentivize, aid, and welcome Ukrainians to our city who seek refuge, sanctuary, asylum, and who comply with all the necessary background checks to enter our country.

As mayor, I stand ready to work with the faith-based community and relief organizations to facilitate the expedited passage of Ukrainian refugees into Anchorage and Alaska.

It has also come to my attention that at the request of the Anchorage based New Chance, Inc. Ukraine Relief Program, [REDACTED] has agreed to and will be offering to transport Ukrainian refugees to Alaska from Europe. I encourage wholeheartedly members of the aviation, hotel, financial, residential housing industries, and non-profit charities, to step forward and assist where possible.

Action is what it takes to create results, I applaud the efforts of Alaskans who are actively helping to provide assistance to those in dire need.

I will do my part as Mayor in the coming weeks for Ukraine, as well.

Sincerely,

Mayor