



Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

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As of March 21, 2022, Reuters reported more than 3.5 million Ukrainians fled their homes and traveled outside Ukraine's borders into Poland and Romania, and neighboring countries, to escape Russia's invasion and carnage. The travesty of Russia's onslaught is unacceptable and a moral outrage.

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

Alaskans 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 Alaskans, the business sectors, and all levels of governance including local, borough, state, and federal administrations and policymakers, to support, incentivize, aide, and welcome Ukrainians to our State who seek refuge, sanctuary, asylum, and who comply with all the necessary background checks to enter our country.

My Administration will stand ready to work with the faith-based community and relief organizations to facilitate the expedited passage of Ukrainian refugees to Alaska. One such endeavor is underway thanks to New Chance Inc. Ukraine Relief Program in Anchorage. It has also come to my attention that members of the airline industry are contemplating offering the transport of Ukrainian refugees to Alaska from Europe, with [REDACTED] most recently considering such support. I encourage wholeheartedly members of the aviation, hotel, financial, and residential housing industries, as well as non-profit charities, to step forward and assist where possible.

Now is the time for Alaska to show its support for Ukraine.

Actions speak louder than words, and I applaud those who are actively helping those in dire need. I will do my part as Governor in the coming weeks for Ukraine, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor