

# Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Supervisor Burgelis: Introduces resolution supporting the people of Ukraine

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MILWAUKEE – Today newly-elected County Supervisor Peter Burgelis introduced his first piece of legislation, a resolution supporting the Ukrainian people and condemning the unprovoked aggression and war crimes committed by Russian Federation soldiers in Ukraine.

*“The atrocities happening in Ukraine at the hands of the Russian Federation are war crimes. Plain and simple,” said Supervisor Burgelis. “I would like to thank the many Milwaukee ethnic communities, businesses and non-profits that have joined to support the people of Ukraine through contributions and donating medical, humanitarian, and defensive supplies. I look forward to partnering with my new colleagues on the County Board and members of the community to continue to find ways to support the Ukrainian people.”*

On March 15, 2018, the City of Milwaukee established a [sister city](#) relationship with the Ukrainian city of Irpin to promote friendship and dialogue, strengthening foreign relations on a municipal level and promoting a greater understanding of both Ukrainian and American culture.

Thousands of Milwaukee County residents celebrate their Ukrainian heritage by honoring their cultural and religious traditions, including St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, founded in 1949 (at its current site since 1953), and St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, founded in 1917.

Since the war began, many Milwaukeeans have stepped up to assist the people of Ukraine. On March 10, around 100 people from the Milwaukee Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Holy Trinity Church in Wauwatosa [marched for peace and solidarity](#) with the people of Ukraine. Ukrainian native and Milwaukee County resident Valentyn Potapenko helped [raise more than \\$50,000 for Ukraine](#) this month. The Polish Center of Wisconsin in the City of Franklin reported in March that it raised more than \$150,000 from more than 700 donors. The Rotary Club of Milwaukee is a lead participant in the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America's [effort](#) to deliver urgently needed supplies to Ukraine. Wisconsin Ukrainians Inc has to date [raised](#) almost \$90,000 and shipped 115,000 pounds of humanitarian and defensive equipment.