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**February 20, 2025 Ald. Peter Burgelis**

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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Ald. Burgelis to participate in rally to support Ukraine**

**Alderman Peter Burgelis** will be participating in, and speaking at, the community rally in support of Ukraine on the third anniversary of the country’s invasion from Russia. The event, hosted by Wisconsin Ukrainians, Inc., will take place on **Sunday, February 23** from **1 – 3 p.m. at 941 E. Wisconsin Ave.**

This event will honor the resilience and sacrifice of the Ukrainian people while calling for continued U.S. support in Ukraine’s fight for freedom and sovereignty. The rally will feature keynote speakers, tributes to Ukraine’s defenders, community prayers for peace, and actionable ways for attendees to support Ukraine through advocacy. The public is invited to attend.

Alderman Burgelis is a first generation Latvian-American whose parents and grandparents escaped Soviet terror in Europe during World War II. They eventually settled in Milwaukee in the 1950s. During his service as a Milwaukee County Supervisor, Alderman Burgelis authored 2022 Milwaukee County resolution [22-556](http://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?m=l&id=/matter.aspx?key=12216) highlighting the efforts of local diaspora organizations supporting the people of Ukraine and condemning the unprovoked aggression and war crimes committed by Russian Federation soldiers in Ukraine.

**What: Rally in support of Ukraine**

**When: Sunday, February 23 from 1 – 3 p.m.**

 **Where: 941 E. Wisconsin Ave.**

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