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SUMA Condemns Attacks on Ukraine

As the voice of Saskatchewan's hometowns, many which have strong ties to the Ukraine, SUMA stands with other orders of government around the world in condemning Russia's attacks on the Ukraine.

"More than 13 per cent of Saskatchewan's residents trace all or part of their ancestry to the Ukraine," said interim President Randy Goulden. "As the organization that represents communities these residents call home, we offer our support to governments around the world who are issuing sanctions on the Russian government and sending aid to Ukraine, and add our voice to the call for all military actions to immediately stop."

Through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, elected officials from Saskatchewan and across Canada have previously worked with municipal representatives in Ukraine to help build and strengthen their municipal governance.

"Our hearts break for our municipal peers, and all of those in Ukraine," said interim President Goulden. "In support, SUMA is encouraging our hometowns to donate to the Red Cross, if they are able, and help send humanitarian aid to the Ukraine."

As communities across the globe are already struggling to recover from the devastating impacts of COVID-19, Russia's actions serve to further threaten the collective global security and economic well-being and the peace and safety that all citizens deserve.

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