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A R E S O L U T I O N

Encouraging Ohioans to replace the handshake with
the fist bump.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Research compiled by scientists at the London
School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine suggests that shaking
hands can be a factor in disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has
recommended that people stop shaking hands as a greeting during
the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Fist bumps are an alternative greeting that
require less prolonged contact with a smaller surface area of
the hand than a handshake; and

WHEREAS, Researchers at Aberystwyth University in Wales
found that shaking hands transmitted about ten times more
bacteria than bumping fists; and

WHEREAS, Greeting people with a fist bump instead of a
handshake may help slow the spread of COVID-19 and other
infectious diseases; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, have a responsibility to
advocate for the health of all Ohioans by encouraging practices that reduce the spread of disease; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recommend that Ohioans replace the handshake greeting with a fist bump; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news media of Ohio.