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A R E S O L U T I O N

Encouraging Ohioans to replace the handshake with 1
the fist bump. 2

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

WHEREAS, Research compiled by scientists at the London 3
School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine suggests that shaking 4
hands can be a factor in disease transmission; and 5

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has 6
recommended that people stop shaking hands as a greeting during 7
the COVID-19 pandemic; and 8

WHEREAS, Fist bumps are an alternative greeting that 9
require less prolonged contact with a smaller surface area of 10
the hand than a handshake; and 11

WHEREAS, Researchers at Aberystwyth University in Wales 12
found that shaking hands transmitted about ten times more 13
bacteria than bumping fists; and 14

WHEREAS, Greeting people with a fist bump instead of a 15
handshake may help slow the spread of COVID-19 and other 16
infectious diseases; now therefore be it 17

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 18
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, have a responsibility to 19

advocate for the health of all Ohioans by encouraging practices 20
that reduce the spread of disease; and be it further 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 22
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recommend that Ohioans 23
replace the handshake greeting with a fist bump; and be it 24
further 25

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 26
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news 27
media of Ohio. 28