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A R E S O L U T I O N

Recognizing the importance of good hygiene practices 1
for reducing the spread of influenza. 2

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

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 3
(CDC) reports that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is 4
especially important to reduce the spread of other respiratory 5
illnesses such as influenza; and 6

WHEREAS, Good hygiene practices can help reduce the spread 7
of both COVID-19 and influenza; and 8

WHEREAS, The CDC recommends coughing and sneezing into a 9
tissue, frequent hand washing with soap and water, using an 10
alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean hands when soap and water 11
are not available, avoiding contact between the hands and face, 12
and regularly disinfecting frequently touched surfaces to 13
prevent the spread of both COVID-19 and influenza; and 14

WHEREAS, Hand washing guidelines from the CDC advocate for 15
washing hands: (1) before, during, and after preparing food; (2) 16
before eating food; (3) before and after caring for someone who 17
is sick; (4) before and after treating a cut or wound; (5) after 18
using the toilet; (6) after changing diapers or assisting 19
someone who is using the toilet; (7) after nose blowing, 20

coughing, or sneezing; (8) after touching an animal, animal 21
feed, or animal waste; (9) after touching garbage; (10) after 22
touching any object that is frequently touched by other people; 23
and (11) before touching the face; and 24

WHEREAS, The CDC reports that adequate hand washing 25
requires scrubbing the hands with soap for at least twenty 26
seconds; and 27

WHEREAS, Research compiled by scientists at the London 28
School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the University of 29
Michigan suggests that hand washing education reduces 30
respiratory illnesses in the general population by sixteen to 31
twenty-one per cent; and 32

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Health reports that 33
influenza season can start as early as October and run as late 34
as March; now therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 36
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, have a responsibility to 37
advocate for the health of all Ohioans by encouraging practices 38
that reduce the spread of disease; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 40
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recognize the importance 41
of good hygiene practices for reducing the spread of influenza 42
every year and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be 43
it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 45
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news 46
media of Ohio. 47