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**Senator Maharath**

**Cosponsors: Senators Kunze, Rulli, Antonio**



**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To commend the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio's 1  
hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers for their 2  
work during the COVID-19 pandemic. 3

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

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every aspect of 4  
life throughout the United States, and the Ohio Hospital 5  
Association (OHA), Ohio's hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers 6  
have been on the front lines of the struggle to protect and 7  
defend public health during this unprecedented crisis; and 8

WHEREAS, According to the Ohio Department of Health, there 9  
have been over 145,000 cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, more than 10  
14,800 hospitalizations, and, tragically, over 4,600 Ohioans who 11  
have died from the deadly virus; and 12

WHEREAS, The OHA, an alliance of 240 hospitals and 14 13  
health systems in Ohio, has played a leading role in the 14  
response to the COVID-19 pandemic by working with members and 15  
stakeholders to ensure coordination and efficient communication 16  
during a rapidly evolving crisis; and 17

WHEREAS, Ohio's hospitals have ably adapted to the crisis 18  
by addressing workforce challenges, expanding treatment 19  
capacity, managing supply chain interruptions, delivering direct 20

care, and pioneering new innovations to meet patients' needs; 21  
and 22

WHEREAS, To ensure accurate and timely information, Ohio's 23  
hospitals cooperated with the Ohio Department of Health to 24  
contribute to an online data dashboard that collects and 25  
aggregates vital clinical information from around the state to 26  
provide up-to-date statistics on the COVID-19 pandemic; and 27

WHEREAS, The OHA and Ohio's hospitals have consistently 28  
worked with long-term care providers to address the lasting 29  
effects of the disease and ensure continuity of care for 30  
individuals with persistent health challenges unrelated to the 31  
COVID-19 pandemic, including individuals in need of mental 32  
health or substance use treatment; and 33

WHEREAS, The OHA and Ohio's hospitals have coordinated with 34  
other local, state, and national agencies to prepare for and 35  
respond to a wide range of emergency situations related to the 36  
COVID-19 pandemic, as well as unrelated events that place 37  
further strain on the health care delivery system in Ohio and 38  
across the nation; and 39

WHEREAS, Doctors, nurses, other health care professionals, 40  
and hospital administrative and janitorial staff in Ohio have 41  
taken significant risks and made personal sacrifices to fulfill 42  
their duties, including those who have contracted the virus 43  
while treating patients and many others who have needed to 44  
isolate themselves from family and loved ones to avoid spreading 45  
the virus; and 46

WHEREAS, Ohio's hospitals and health systems have nimbly 47  
evaluated and updated emergency protocols, plans, and procedures 48  
to ensure that the state is well-prepared for potential future 49  
waves of infection and hospitalization surges; now therefore be 50  
it 51

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 52  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, commend the Ohio Hospital 53  
Association, Ohio's hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers for 54  
their outstanding coordination and exceptional service on behalf 55  
of all Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further 56

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 57  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news 58  
media of Ohio. 59