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A RESOLUTION

To recognize the Ohio National Guard for exemplary 1
service in assisting food banks and in providing 2
support for medical facilities, testing 3
facilities, correctional institutions, long-term 4
care facilities, and vaccine distribution during 5
the COVID-19 pandemic. 6

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, There are more than 16,000 citizens in the Ohio 7
Army National Guard and Ohio Air National Guard, which make up 8
the nation's fourth-largest National Guard; and 9

WHEREAS, Ohio National Guard members work and live in 10
nearly every community across the state and have a proven track 11
record of success supporting civilian authorities during and 12
after homeland emergencies; and 13

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard members helped evacuate 14
stranded motorists, delivered supplies, and cleared snow from 15
roadways during the 1978 blizzard that hit Ohio; and 16

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard distributed vital 17
vaccinations and medical supplies during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic; 18
and 19

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard, working with Ohio's healthcare systems, deployed more than 2,300 members, including approximately 200 Guard members offering medical support, and approximately 2,100 offering general support, including testing, food services, in-hospital patient transportation, administrative tasks, and other related duties. In addition, more than 350 Guard members supported medical testing; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,000 Ohio National Army and Air National Guard members supported missions to limit the spread of the coronavirus, collecting test samples, warehousing personal protective equipment (PPE) and vaccines, and distributing food at medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard supported 15 testing locations across the state as part of efforts to ease some of the burden at the state's hardest-hit hospitals; and

WHEREAS, During the 2017 hurricane season, more than 400 Ohio National Guard members deployed to Texas, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico to assist in recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed a state active duty proclamation to activate approximately 300 personnel from the Ohio National Guard to assist with humanitarian efforts supporting the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Since March 23, 2020, the Ohio National Guard, along with members of the Ohio Military Reserve, have supported humanitarian efforts in regional food distribution warehouses and local food banks throughout the state, which combined provide food to Ohioans in all 88 counties; and

WHEREAS, Ohio National Guard member food bank support includes service at Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank (Akron/Summit County), Freestore Foodbank (Cincinnati/Hamilton County),

Greater Cleveland Food Bank (Cleveland/Cuyahoga County), Mid- 51
Ohio Foodbank (Grove City/Franklin County), SeaGate Food Bank 52
(Toledo/Lucas County), Second Harvest Food Bank of Clark, 53
Champaign and Logan Counties (Springfield/Clark County), Second 54
Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley (Youngstown/Mahoning 55
County), Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio(Lorain/ 56
Lorain County), Shared Harvest Foodbank(Fairfield/Butler 57
County), Southeast Ohio Foodbank (Logan/Hocking County), The 58
Foodbank, Inc. (Dayton/Montgomery County), Toledo Northwestern 59
Ohio Food Bank (Toledo/Lucas County), Urban Mission Ministries 60
(Steubenville/Jefferson County), and West Ohio Food Bank 61
(Lima/Allen County); and 62

WHEREAS, The Ohio National Guard supported the Ohio 63
Department of Rehabilitation and Correction with various 64
resources including staffing augmentation, medical care, and 65
erection of temporary housing. Facilities supported have 66
included all of the following: Belmont Correctional Institution, 67
Chillicothe Correctional Institution, Correctional Reception 68
Center, Cuyahoga County Jail, Elkton Federal Corrections 69
Institution, Franklin County Jail, Grafton Correctional 70
Institution, Lorain Correctional Institution, Madison 71
Correctional Institution, Mansfield Correctional Institution, 72
Marion Correctional Institution, Northeast Reintegration Center, 73
Ohio Reformatory for Women, Pickaway Correctional Institution, 74
Richland Correctional Institution, Ross Correctional 75
Institution, and Trumbull Correctional Institution; and 76

WHEREAS, Ohio National Guard medical staff, consisting of 77
medics and nurses, were instrumental in assisting a Logan long- 78
term health care facility during the COVID-19 pandemic, standing 79
in for facility staff who were in quarantine, and preventing the 80
necessity to relocate residents. Ohio National Guard medical 81
staff were responsible for tasks such as administering 82
medications, assessing conditions, taking vital signs, and 83

generally assisting trained medical personnel with resident care 84
needs; now therefore be it 85

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 86
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly, in adopting this 87
Resolution, recognize the Ohio National Guard for exemplary 88
service in assisting food banks and in providing support for 89
medical facilities, testing facilities, correctional 90
institutions, long-term care facilities, and vaccine 91
distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further 92

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 93
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to 94
Adjutant General Major General John C. Harris Jr., to Governor 95
Mike DeWine, and to the news media of Ohio. 96