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STATEMENT FROM OHIO MAYORS ALLIANCE ON MEASURES TO STOP FURTHER SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Columbus, OH – Please see the following statement from the Ohio Mayors Alliance – a bipartisan coalition of mayors in over two dozen of Ohio's largest cities – regarding today's announcement to temporarily close Ohio's bars and restaurants to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

This statement can be attributed to the Ohio Mayors Alliance Board, which includes Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther, Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn, Kettering Mayor Don Patterson, Lancaster Mayor David Scheffler, and Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley.

"The need to stop the spread of the coronavirus could not be more urgent. We commend Gov. DeWine's difficult, but extraordinarily important decision to temporarily close Ohio's bars and restaurants. While this will be difficult, we believe the support systems that the Governor is putting in place, such as expanding access to unemployment compensation, are critically important and will help workers and small businesses during this unprecedented crisis."

For more information, please contact Ohio Mayors Alliance Executive Director, Keary McCarthy at keary@ohiomayorsalliance.org or 614-425-9163.

For more information on the Ohio Mayors Alliance, please visit our <u>website</u>, which includes a new page with information resources related to the coronavirus: http://ohiomayorsalliance.org/covid-19/

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