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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Section 22 of Article I of the 1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to protect 2
individuals from being compelled to wear a mask or 3
other facial covering. 4

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 5
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 6
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 7
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 8
election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to enact 9
Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 10
to read as follows: 11

ARTICLE I 12

Section 22. (A) (1) No individual shall be required to wear 13
a mask or other facial covering in any of the following 14
locations: 15

<u>(a) A place of public accommodation;</u>	16
<u>(b) A facility owned or operated by a political</u>	17
<u>subdivision or state agency;</u>	18
<u>(c) A court.</u>	19
<u>(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying</u>	20
<u>to a private residence.</u>	21
<u>(B) As used in this section:</u>	22
<u>(1) "Place of public accommodation" means all of the</u>	23
<u>following:</u>	24
<u>(a) An inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging;</u>	25
<u>(b) A restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving food</u>	26
<u>or drink;</u>	27
<u>(c) A motion picture house, theater, concert hall,</u>	28
<u>stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;</u>	29
<u>(d) An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or</u>	30
<u>other place of public gathering;</u>	31
<u>(e) A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware</u>	32
<u>store, shopping center, or other sales or rental establishment;</u>	33
<u>(f) A laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty</u>	34
<u>shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral parlor, gas</u>	35
<u>station, office of an accountant or lawyer, pharmacy, insurance</u>	36
<u>office, professional office of a health care provider, publicly</u>	37
<u>accessible area of a hospital, or other service establishment;</u>	38
<u>(g) A terminal, depot, or other station used for public</u>	39
<u>transportation;</u>	40
<u>(h) A museum, library, gallery, or other place of public</u>	41

display or collection; 42

(i) A park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of 43
recreation; 44

(j) A preschool, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or 45
postgraduate public or private school, or other place of 46
education; 47

(k) A child care center, senior citizen center, homeless 48
shelter, food bank, adoption agency, or other social service 49
center establishment; and 50

(l) A gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf course, 51
or other place of exercise or recreation. 52

(2) "State agency" means any organized body, office, 53
agency, commission, board, institution, or other entity 54
established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any 55
function of state government. 56

EFFECTIVE DATE 57

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 58
proposal, Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the 59
State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect 60
immediately. 61