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To Whom It May Concern;

The Ohio Municipal League thanks Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton for their continued leadership as Ohio's communities continue to navigate through the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

The League understands and appreciates the consideration that went into drafting the extension of Ohio's stay-at-home order, and we support the amended version signed by Dr. Acton today that extends the order until May 1.

By asking all Ohioans to remain in their homes, the Administration is buying time for those on the front lines of this battle to prepare for an anticipated increase in coronavirus cases. Health providers, law enforcement and first responders such as EMTs need Ohio residents and nonessential businesses to abide by the order to slow the spread.

Municipalities continue to deliver the quality services Ohioans deserve during this time of crisis, such as sturdy infrastructure and public safety. These men and women cannot stay home and thereby risk their health to continue to provide these essential services for their communities. Gov. DeWine and Dr. Acton's stay-at-home order will help to reduce the risk they face and assist them as they work to increase capacity and level of care in treating sick Ohioans.

The League, on behalf of our member municipalities, supports the extended stay-at-home order and thanks the DeWine administration for it's continued leadership during this unprecedented crisis.

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