
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 19, 2019, as "National Period Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Period Day" brings attention to period
4 poverty by demanding better accessibility of period products in
5 this Commonwealth and across the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Alliance for Period Supplies,
7 Period, Inc., No More Secrets Mind Body Spirit, Inc., and the
8 Red Box Project, nonprofits and advocacy groups that fight to
9 end period poverty throughout the country and worldwide, one in
10 four women struggle to afford period products due to a lack of
11 income; and

12 WHEREAS, According to a recent study of low-income women,
13 nearly two-thirds were unable to afford period products at some
14 point over the course of a year, and 21% of these women lacked
15 supplies on a monthly basis; and

16 WHEREAS, Thirty-four states still have a sales tax on period
17 products considering them nonessential items; and

1 WHEREAS, A stigma still exists around the topics of
2 menstruation and periods which has led to a lack of information
3 and open conversations on the existing need and struggle to
4 afford period products throughout the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Access to period products is a necessity for the
6 health and well-being of women; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
8 19, 2019, as "National Period Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 efforts of Alliance for Period Supplies, Period, Inc., No More
12 Secrets Mind Body Spirit, Inc., the Red Box Project and all
13 community organizations working to address period poverty; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
16 residents of this Commonwealth to support community
17 organizations and participate in period product drives to help
18 improve access to period products for women in the Commonwealth.