



24           **WHEREAS**, in 2017, City Council passed a Resolution No. 20170323-054  
25   codifying the City’s commitment to “eliminate any distinction, exclusion, or  
26   restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or  
27   nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of marital  
28   status, on the basis of equality between men and women, of human rights or  
29   fundamental freedom in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil, or any other  
30   field;” and

31           **WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Commission for Women recommended funding  
32   be used to develop and implement a menstrual equity program in all City facilities;  
33   and

34           **WHEREAS**, in 2019 Austin Public Health conducted a pilot project,  
35   initiated by Councilmember Natasha Harper-Madison, to distribute menstrual  
36   supplies to Austin residents via neighborhood centers, health centers, and other  
37   City facilities, and one outcome was that 72% of those receiving supplies said it  
38   enabled them to not miss school; and

39           **WHEREAS**, through a blend of funds from the Austin Public Health  
40   Department (APH) and various City Council offices, the pilot program was funded  
41   in the amount of \$32,945; and

42           **WHEREAS**, APH funded a portion of the pilot program of \$10,000 through  
43   savings in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget; and

44           **WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Commission for Women recommended that  
45   Council expand APH’s original initiative by providing free menstrual products in  
46   the following locations: showers and bathrooms accessible to people experiencing  
47   homelessness, neighborhood health centers, sexual health clinics, public libraries,  
48   and community recreation centers and summer camps; and

49           **WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Commission for Women recommended the City  
50 to allocate funding to APH to distribute menstrual hygiene supplies, and  
51 implement the lessons learned from the 2019 pilot project; and

52           **WHEREAS**, May 28<sup>th</sup> is globally recognized as Menstrual Hygiene  
53 Awareness Day with the purpose of normalizing the action of menstruation and the  
54 importance of access to hygiene during this time; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

55 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

56 The City Manager is directed to:

57           Provide free menstrual products in the following spaces:

- 58           • City-owned showers and bathrooms accessible to people experiencing  
59           homelessness, such as those listed in the City’s COVID-19 Basic Needs  
60           Map;
- 61           • APH facilities that serve the public, including neighborhood centers and  
62           sexual health clinics;
- 63           • All Austin Public Library facilities; and
- 64           • All City-owned community recreation centers and summer camps.

65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

66           City Council affirms their support of this resolution as a budget priority for  
67 the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget and the City Manager is directed to consider it  
68 when drafting his proposed budget.

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**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk