

RESOLUTION NO. 20220616-054

WHEREAS, Texas is one of 26 states to tax menstrual products (such as tampons and pads), and one of 33 states to tax child and adult diapers; and

WHEREAS, menstrual products and diapers are necessary to daily life for millions of Texans, and these taxes create an undue and inequitable burden on those who purchase them; and

WHEREAS, period poverty is defined as a lack of access to menstrual products, which impacts the ability of those who menstruate to engage in daily activities; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2021 study by U by Kotex, two in five people have struggled to afford period products; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Diaper Bank Network, one in three families report experiencing diaper needs; and

WHEREAS, in the 87th Texas state legislative session, Representatives Donna Howard, Shawn Thierry, Sheryl Cole, Angie Chen Button, and Ina Minjarez authored H.B. 321 relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products, and Representatives Donna Howard and Ina Minjarez authored H.B. 322, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for child and adult diapers; and

WHEREAS, removing these taxes would alleviate the inequitable burden placed upon those who use menstrual products and diapers; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to add the following items to the City of Austin legislative agenda for the state legislative session:

1. Exempt menstrual products from the state sales tax.
2. Exempt diaper products from the state sales tax

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City of Austin expresses its strong support for legislation that exempts menstrual and diaper products from the state sales tax to alleviate the burden such taxes place on Texans.

ADOPTED: June 16, 2022 **ATTEST:** Stephanie Hall for
Myrna Rios
City Clerk