

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-016

**A RESOLUTION TO FUND FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN U-M BATHROOMS**

- WHEREAS,** The ability to manage menstruation is a necessity, not an entitlement or privilege<sup>1</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Hygiene products are a necessity, and can be an urgent, unexpected need<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Folks who cannot afford menstrual products report that they substitute with whatever they can find, including toilet paper, paper towels, rags, even dirty socks<sup>3</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Without access to hygiene products, they are at risk for infection<sup>4</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Menstrual hygiene has been declared a public health, gender equality,, and human rights issue<sup>5</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Free menstrual product programs have grown on college campuses across the country because many students can't afford to pay the exorbitant luxury tax on menstrual products that are necessary for their health and wellness<sup>6</sup>; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** Central Student Government will allocate \$2,000 to purchase menstrual hygiene products; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** The purchased products will be placed in four locations across campus: Mason Hall, the Duderstadt, the Chemistry Building, and the Walgreen Drama Center; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

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<sup>1</sup>[http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/rep-melissa-sargent-feminine-hygiene-products-are-a-necessity-not/article\\_a32b27fb-024c-53d7-84ca-4859b09fbd01.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/rep-melissa-sargent-feminine-hygiene-products-are-a-necessity-not/article_a32b27fb-024c-53d7-84ca-4859b09fbd01.html)

<sup>2</sup>[http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/rep-melissa-sargent-feminine-hygiene-products-are-a-necessity-not/article\\_a32b27fb-024c-53d7-84ca-4859b09fbd01.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/opinion/column/rep-melissa-sargent-feminine-hygiene-products-are-a-necessity-not/article_a32b27fb-024c-53d7-84ca-4859b09fbd01.html)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2016-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Everywomansrighttowatersanitationandhygiene.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <http://miscellanynews.org/2017/04/12/news/project-period-promotes-menstrual-product-accessibility/>

**RESOLVED,** Central Student Government will work with relevant Operations & Facilities Management partners to ensure that the purchased products are distributed in a timely and consistent manner.

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