



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution recognizing May 20 through 28, 2024, as Period Poverty Awareness Week in Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, period supplies are a necessary monthly product for millions of people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alliance for Period Supplies, approximately 40 percent of women and girls in the United States struggle to afford the necessary period supplies to meet their monthly needs, a circumstance known as period poverty; and

WHEREAS, the lack of supplies can detrimentally affect students as well, as nearly one in four American students struggle to afford these materials; and

WHEREAS, period poverty adversely affects the health and well-being of menstruators; and

WHEREAS, period poverty can force menstruators to withdraw from daily life, losing pay or educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, inadequate access to safe menstrual hygiene products can also lead to serious health complications; and

WHEREAS, local non-profits aim to address this problem by providing more than one million period supplies to those without access to them in 2024; and

WHEREAS, additional reforms would help make these necessary medical supplies accessible and affordable, including eliminating the sales tax on period supplies in Tennessee and placing these products in all women and unisex restrooms in Metropolitan Government buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council raise awareness about the need to additional supplies and reforms to make period products more accessible for those in greatest need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing May 20 through 28, 2024, as Period Poverty Awareness Week in Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.