Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, approximately half of the population will have a period every month for decades of their lives; and

WHEREAS, period supplies are a necessary product, each month, for millions of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, national surveys and research studies report that one in four menstruating individuals struggle to secure enough period supplies to meet their needs each month due to a lack of income; and

WHEREAS, this lack of period supplies, known as period poverty, can adversely affect the health and well-being of menstruators; and

WHEREAS, national surveys also report that one in five women and girls miss work or school due to lacking a sufficient amount of period supplies; and

WHEREAS, period poverty exacerbates the vicious cycle of poverty by forcing menstruators to withdraw from daily life, losing pay or missing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, menstruators struggling with period poverty risk infections by using proxy products – such as socks or toilet paper – or not changing products as often as needed; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including Period Power, a program of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, that recognize the importance of period products in ensuring health and providing economic stability and thus distribute period products through various channels.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 22nd – 28th, 2023 as

PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK

in Chapel Hill and encourage the residents of Chapel Hill to donate generously to period supply banks product drives, and those organizations – such as the Diaper Bank of North Carolina- that collect and distribute period products to those struggling with period poverty, so that all of Chapel Hill's people can thrive and reach their full potential.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE