

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FREE MENSTRUATION PRODUCTS IN SELECT COUNTY BUILDING RESTROOMS**

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**WHEREAS**, menstrual hygiene products, like tampons and sanitary napkins, are essential health items for all individuals who menstruate; and

**WHEREAS**, 86% of women in the U.S. report that they have started their menstruation cycle in public without the necessary supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of access to menstruation hygiene products in public restrooms disproportionately impacts people from a lower socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County public restrooms currently provide toilet paper, soap, and paper towels at no cost as such are considered basic supplies necessary for personal hygiene and to maintain public health; and

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2021, the Board approved a \$20,000 grant to expand access to menstruation hygiene products for low-income students at San Mateo High School; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that it is in the best interests of the County to implement a pilot program to provide free menstruation products in select County facility restrooms for a period of eighteen months; and

**WHEREAS**, a pilot program would allow the County to gather data and study broader implementation of this program including partnering with community organizations as a means to defray costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County takes all appropriate actions to carry out a pilot program to provide tampons and sanitary napkins in select County facility restrooms for a period of 18 months following adoption of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the CEO shall gather data regarding the effectiveness of this pilot program and report back to this Board after one year on the costs, challenges, and positive impacts of the program. The CEO shall further appropriate sufficient funding from the County budget to fund this program and shall explore partnerships with community organizations to defray the program costs.

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