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The University of Alabama in Huntsville

A Resolution to Provide Menstrual Support on the Campus of UAH

Whereas,

1. 93% of responding students at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) believe that "UAH should provide free period products in campus bathrooms"¹; and
2. 88% of responding UAH students' "cycle[s] ...[have]... had an influence on [their] school work or attending classes"²; and
3. 92% of responding UAH students have "been/know someone who was in a situation on campus where having free products in the bathrooms would have come in handy"³; and
4. According to a study conducted at the University of California, Los Angeles, two thirds of the low-income women surveyed did not have resources to purchase menstrual products, and one-fifth could not afford those products monthly⁴; and

¹ [Menstrual Product Legislation Proposal](#)

² *ibid.*

³ *ibid.*

⁴ Carroll, Linda. "Even in the U.S., Poor Women Often Can't Afford Tampons, Pads." Reuters, Thomson Reuters, 10 Jan. 2019, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-menstruation-usa/even-in-the-u-s-poor-women-often-cant-afford-tampons-pads-idUSKCN1P42TX>.



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- a. According to the United Nations Population Fund, period poverty is “the struggle many low-income women and girls face while trying to afford menstrual products. The term also refers to the increased economic vulnerability women and girls face due the financial burden posed by menstrual supplies. These include not only menstrual pads and tampons, but also related costs such as pain medication and underwear.”⁵
5. The Alabama State House of Representatives passed HB88, requiring Alabama Boards of Education to provide free menstrual products to menstruating students in grades 5 through 12; and
6. According to a national study conducted this year at the University of Philadelphia, 14% of polled college-age women experienced period poverty in the past year, with 10% experiencing period poverty monthly⁶; and
7. According to a 2019 study conducted at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India, up to 11% of respondents reported that menstruation negatively impacted their school attendance, and up to 45% reported that menstruation negatively impacted their in-school concentration⁷; and
8. According to a 2018 study conducted by the Uganda Virus Research Institute, approximately 69% of both male and female students polled disagreed with the statement “Period days are like any other day.”⁸; and

⁵ “Menstruation and Human Rights - Frequently Asked Questions.” *United Nations Population Fund*, June 2021, <https://www.unfpa.org/menstruationfaq>.

⁶ Cardoso, Lauren F., et al. “Period Poverty and Mental Health Implications among College-Aged Women in the United States.” *BMC Women's Health*, vol. 21, no. 1, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-020-01149-5>

⁷ Sivakami, Muthusamy, et al. “Effect of Menstruation on Girls and Their Schooling, and Facilitators of Menstrual Hygiene Management in Schools: Surveys in Government Schools in Three States in India, 2015.” *Journal of Global Health*, vol. 9, no. 1, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.7189/jogh.09.010408>.

⁸ Miir, George, et al. “Menstrual Health and School Absenteeism among Adolescent Girls in Uganda (Meniscus): A Feasibility Study.” *BMC Women's Health*, vol. 18, no. 1, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-017-0502-z>.



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9. At an estimated initial cost of \$20,860, and an estimated yearly cost of \$10,810, Aunt Flow Org can provide significant menstrual product, dispenser, advertising, order optimization, and educational resources to UAH⁹.

Therefore, let it be hereby stated that The Student Government Association of The University of Alabama in Huntsville recommends:

1. That UAH installs and stocks menstrual product dispensers in the women and gender neutral restrooms on the ground floors of all buildings on campus.
2. That UAH makes use of the dispenser, product, advertising, order optimization, and educational resources of Aunt Flow Org.
3. That UAH places an initial order or makes an initial payment towards Aunt Flow Org, or another company offering comparable services, no later than May 11, 2022.
4. That UAH has all aforementioned menstrual product dispensers installed and stocked no later than August 17, 2022; or the first day of classes in the 2022-2023 academic year.
5. That UAH continues this program in perpetuity for the benefit of UAH faculty, staff, and students.

⁹ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ym4RLH1ZfEaZO9SxNwNAKi1irVo1INr_/view?usp=sharing



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Furthermore, copies of this resolution shall be sent to the following:

Dr. Darren Dawson, UAH President; Mrs. Laterrica Shelton, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Ms. Mallie Hale, Vice President for University Advancement; Mr. Todd M. Barré, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Mr. Chih Loo, Associate Vice President for Budgets and Financial Planning; Ms. Laurel Long, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; Mr. Greg Smith, Associate Vice President of Facilities and Operations; Mr. Tony Davis, Director of Facilities Maintenance; Mr. Daniel Boutwell, Director of Custodial Services; Mrs. Nikki Goode, SGA Advisor

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