

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, REQUIRING THAT FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS BE PROVIDED IN PUBLIC RESTROOMS LOCATED IN CITY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Free the Tampons Foundation found that 86% of women who menstruate will have their periods start unexpectedly in public without the necessary feminine products on hand; and

WHEREAS, while 48% of these women will attempt to use tampon or pad dispensers in public restrooms, only 8% say that those dispensers worked or were stocked; and

WHEREAS, a Confidence & Puberty Survey done by Always, a well-known brand of feminine hygiene products, found that almost 1 in 4 teenage girls in the United States have not attended school because they didn't have feminine products, and 1 in 5 teenage girls in the United States do not have the means to consistently afford feminine products; and

WHEREAS, feminine products are bathroom necessities just as much as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, water; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that soap, toilet paper, and menstrual products are all instrumental to the general health and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council also find that ensuring that such products are readily available in public restrooms will help prevent the spread of germs, reduce the transmission of bloodborne pathogens, and improve the general public welfare; and

WHEREAS, access to proper materials includes pads, as not everybody who menstruates is comfortable using tampons; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami are desirous of directing the Interim City Manager to implement a plan to install tampon and pad dispensers in all

public restrooms located in City-owned buildings and facilities and to ensure proper monitoring and replenishment of feminine products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Feminine Hygiene Products Required.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby require that free menstrual hygiene products be provided in public restrooms located in City buildings and facilities.

Section 2. **Direction to Interim City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby directs the Interim City Manager to implement a plan to install tampon and pad dispensers in all public restrooms located in City owned buildings and facilities and to ensure proper monitoring and replenishment of feminine products.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of November, 2024.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TIMOTHE

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)