

Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2021
TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Adelita Grijalva, District Five Supervisor
REGARDING: Item for the May 4, 2021 agenda

K. B. Grijalva, for

Please add the following to the May 4, 2021 agenda:

Proclamation

Proclaiming the week of May 24, 2021, through May 30, 2021 to be: “Period Poverty Awareness Week.”. (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to menstrual products is a basic human need for menstruators; and

WHEREAS, menstrual equity means everyone who gets a period deserves to have access to menstrual products so they can be fully active in society, be healthy, and succeed at school and work; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal government policies often cause or exacerbate inequitable access to menstrual products by imposing sales taxes on them, limiting access to these products in prisons and jails, exempting menstrual products from public health benefits programs, and not making these products uniformly available in public places such as schools and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, according to Arizona law, menstrual products are deemed non-essential goods that are essential to the health and economic well-being of menstruators in both overcoming and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is home to trusted, community-based organizations such as the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona – a member of the Alliance for Period Supplies - that recognize the importance of period products in ensuring health and providing economic stability and thus distribute period products through various channels; and

WHEREAS, these period supply banks serve on the front lines of Pima County's COVID-19 pandemic response, helping families in our communities weather the crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of May 24 through May 30, 2021, to be:

“PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK”

and thanks the local period supply banks and their staff members, volunteers, and donors for their service during the COVID-19 pandemic and encourages Pima County residents to donate generously to period supply banks, product drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute period products to those in need.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of May 2021.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors