

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 367 (Garcia) - Menstrual Equity Act of 2021]

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3 **Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill No. 367, authored by Assembly Member**
4 **Cristina Garcia, and co-authored by Assembly Members Laura Friedman, Ash Kalra,**
5 **and Sydney Kamlager, and co-authored by Senator Maria Elena Durazo, to require**
6 **public schools maintaining any combination of classes from grades 6 to 12 inclusive to**
7 **stock at least 50% of the school’s restrooms with free menstrual products at all times.**

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9 WHEREAS, Nearly two-thirds of low-income women in large U.S. cities cannot afford
10 menstrual hygiene products such as tampons or pads and are forced to resort to less sanitary
11 or healthy option; and

12 WHEREAS, Latinx women are most likely to experience period poverty, followed by
13 Black women and followed by other non-white women; and

14 WHEREAS, Period poverty is linked with food insecurity and mental health, specifically
15 68.1% of those experiencing period poverty also report symptoms of moderate or severe
16 depression; and

17 WHEREAS, One of five first-generation college students experience period poverty
18 twice more likely than students not first in families to attend school; and

19 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 367 (AB 367), introduced by Assembly Member Cristina
20 Garcia and co-authored by Assembly Members Laura Friedman, Ash Kalra, and Sydney
21 Kamlager, and Senator Maria Elena Durazo, shall be known and cited as the Menstrual Equity
22 Act of 2021; and

23 WHEREAS, AB 367 is inspired by Scotland’s new law declaring access to menstrual
24 products as a human right and requires all designated public places to provide menstrual
25 products free of charge to anyone who needs them; and

1 WHEREAS, On February 18, 2021, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand
2 announced that all primary, intermediate, and secondary school students will be able to
3 access free menstrual products at school in an effort to remove barriers and stigma for young
4 people; and

5 WHEREAS, AB 367 will declare the public access to menstrual products as a right; and

6 WHEREAS, AB 367 will require public schools maintaining any combination of classes
7 from grades 6 to 12 inclusive to stock at least 50% of the school’s restrooms with free
8 menstrual products at all times; and

9 WHEREAS, AB 367 will mandate California State University, each community college
10 district, and every public agency that have restroom facilities open for the public to stock 50%
11 of all restrooms with free menstrual products at all times; and

12 WHEREAS, AB 367 will encourage the Regents of the University of California and
13 private universities, colleges, and institutions of higher learning to stock 50% of all campus
14 restrooms with free menstrual products at all times; and

15 WHEREAS, Costs of menstrual products will be reimbursed to school districts and local
16 agencies if the Commission on State Mandates determines so; and

17 WHEREAS, AB 367 is supported by a coalition of community organizations including:
18 the student-run California Association of Student Councils, ACLU of California, Black Women
19 for Wellness, IGNITE, Free the Period, The Santa Clara Office of Women’s Policy, Division of
20 Equity and Social Justice, Alliance for Girls, Alliance for Period Supplies, PERIOD, The
21 Menstrual Movement, and the National Diaper Bank Network; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports California
23 Assembly Bill No. 367, Menstrual products, and urges the California State Legislature to pass
24 this bill require public schools maintaining any combination of classes from grades 6 to 12
25 inclusive to stock at least 50% of the school’s restrooms with free menstrual products at all

1 times as well as to mandate California State University, each community college district, and
2 every public agency that have restroom facilities open for the public to stock 50% of all
3 restrooms with free menstrual products at all times; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
5 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California State Assembly and the California
6 State Senate as well as the Bill's primary sponsor, Assembly Member Cristina Garcia.

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