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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 23, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 28, 2020, as "Menstrual Hygiene Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Menstrual Hygiene Day" is a global advocacy
4 platform that brings together the voices and actions of
5 nonprofits, government agencies, individuals, the private sector
6 and the media to promote menstrual hygiene management for all
7 women and girls; and

8 WHEREAS, A lack of education and persisting taboos and
9 stigma, limited access to hygienic menstrual products and poor
10 sanitation infrastructure continue to undermine educational
11 opportunities for women, girls and those affected by
12 menstruation; and

13 WHEREAS, Poor menstrual hygiene impacts the overall health
14 and social status of women and girls and prevents millions of
15 women and girls from being able to realize their full potential;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, "Menstrual Hygiene Day" breaks the silence, raises

1 awareness and changes negative social norms around menstrual
2 health management; and

3 WHEREAS, "Menstrual Hygiene Day" engages decision makers to
4 increase the political priority and catalyze action for
5 menstrual health management at global, national and local
6 levels; and

7 WHEREAS, The German nonprofit WASH United first initiated
8 "Menstrual Hygiene Day" in 2013 and continues to serve as the
9 global coordinator for the event; and

10 WHEREAS, Menstrual hygiene impacts women and girls in all
11 areas of life, including at home, in school, at work, when
12 traveling and especially during times of climate, conflict or
13 natural disaster; and

14 WHEREAS, Women and girls miss out on education, work and
15 other opportunities in life when they cannot manage their
16 menstruation with normalcy and dignity; and

17 WHEREAS, Taboos and myths related to menstruation erroneously
18 portray women and girls as inferior to men and boys which
19 undermines gender equality and constitutes discrimination; and

20 WHEREAS, Period poverty, or the lack of access to menstrual
21 hygiene products due to affordability, is a problem that affects
22 1 in 5 American women; and

23 WHEREAS, Menstruation and ensuring universal access to
24 hygienic products and gender-sensitive facilities is a matter of
25 inclusion and equality; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 28,
27 2020, as "Menstrual Hygiene Day" in Pennsylvania.