



# Proclamation



## Period Poverty Awareness Week 2022

WHEREAS, approximately half the population will have a period every month for decades of their lives, and period supplies are a necessary product for millions of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, national surveys and research studies report that one in four women and girls struggle to secure enough period supplies due to a lack of income and, this lack of period supplies, known as “period poverty,” can adversely affect health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, national surveys also report that one in five women and girls miss work or school each month due to a lack of period supplies; and

WHEREAS, people who experience period poverty risk infection by using proxy products, such as socks or toilet paper, or by not changing products as often as needed; and

WHEREAS, period poverty is a public health issue, and addressing period poverty can lead to economic opportunity and improved health, thus ensuring that all people have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including On the Spot, a program of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, a member of the Alliance for Period Supplies, a network of over one hundred active period supply banks in nearly 40 states that are raising awareness of the importance of period products in ensuring health and providing economic stability, and thus distributing period products through various channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 23rd through May 29th, 2022, to be Period Poverty Awareness Week in Carrboro. I encourage residents to share appreciation for local period supply banks and their staff, volunteers, and donors, and to contribute generously to period supply banks, product drives, and organizations that collect and distribute period products.

This the 23rd day of May 2022.



Damon Seils, Mayor