



# Proclamation

## Period Poverty Awareness Week

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 people who have a period struggle to secure enough period supplies due to a lack of income; and

WHEREAS, this lack of period supplies, known as “period poverty,” can adversely affect individuals’ health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, national surveys also report that one in five people who have a period miss work or school due to lack of period supplies; and

WHEREAS, period poverty exacerbates the vicious cycle of poverty by forcing people to withdraw from daily life, losing pay or missing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, those who experience period poverty risk infections by using proxy products or not changing products as often as needed; and

WHEREAS, period poverty is a public health issue, and addressing period poverty can lead to improved health and economic opportunity, thus ensuring all people have access to basic necessities; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including Period Power, a program of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, that recognize the importance of period products in ensuring health and providing economic stability and thus distribute 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 22nd through May 28th, 2023, 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 16th day of May, 2023.

*Damon Seils*

Damon Seils, Mayor

