



# Proclamation



## PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, approximately half of the population will have a period every month for decades of their lives and, period supplies are a necessary product, each month, 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 the health and well-being of menstruators; 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**, menstruators struggling with period poverty risk infection by using proxy products – such as socks or toilet paper – or not changing products as often as needed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced millions of people out of work and greatly increased the number of those struggling with period poverty and, period supplies are essential to the health and economic well-being of menstruators in both overcoming and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

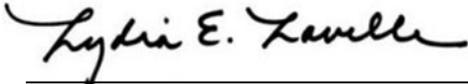
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro recognizes that period poverty is a public health issue, and Carrboro is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including On the Spot, a program of the Diaper Bank of North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, these period supply banks and their staff and volunteers served on the front lines of Carrboro's COVID-19 pandemic response helping families in our communities weather the crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 24 through May 30, 2021 as **PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK** in the Town of Carrboro. I urge all residents to thank the aforementioned period supply banks, their staff, volunteers and donors, for their service during the COVID-19 crisis and encourage the residents of Carrboro to donate generously to period supply banks, product drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute period products to those struggling with period poverty so that all of Carrboro's people can thrive and reach their full potential.

This the 24th day of May 2021.



  
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Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor