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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, All over the world, persons who menstruate face 3 numerous challenges in managing their menstruation, including 4 pads and other supplies being unavailable or unaffordable, a 5 lack of access to safe toilet facilities with clean water 6 where they can clean themselves in privacy, discriminatory 7 cultural norms or practices that make it difficult to maintain 8 good menstrual hygiene, and other struggles; and

- 9 WHEREAS, Poor menstrual hygiene undermines the educational 10 opportunities, health, and overall social status of persons 11 who menstruate; and
- WHEREAS, As a result, millions of persons who menstruate are kept from reaching their full potential; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day was initiated by the German 15 non-profit WASH United in 2013; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day is a global advocacy
 17 platform that brings together the voices and actions of
 18 non-profits, government agencies, individuals, the private
 19 sector, and the media to promote good menstrual hygiene
 20 management for all persons who menstruate; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day breaks the silence, raises
- 2 awareness, and changes negative social norms around menstrual
- 3 hygiene management; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day engages decision-makers to
- 5 increase the political priority and sparks action for
- 6 menstrual hygiene management at global, national, and local
- 7 levels; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Every person who menstruates should be empowered
- 9 to manage their menstruation safely, hygienically, with
- 10 confidence, and without shame; no person who menstruates
- 11 should be limited by something as natural and normal as a
- 12 period; therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- we declare May 28, 2021 as Menstrual Hygiene Day in the State
- of Illinois.