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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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WHEREAS, Poor menstrual hygiene undermines the educational and occupational opportunities, health, and overall social status of persons who menstruate; and

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WHEREAS, As a result, millions of persons who menstruate are kept from reaching their full potential; and

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WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day was initiated by the German nonprofit WASH United in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day is a global advocacy platform that brings together the voices and actions of nonprofits, government agencies, individuals, the private sector, and the media to promote good menstrual hygiene management for all persons who menstruate; and

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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 of and sparks action for
6 menstrual hygiene management at global, national, and local
7 levels; and

8 WHEREAS, This movement has increased its support and
9 impact each year, resulting in organizers managing to reach a
10 record-breaking 566 million people globally in 2021 with their
11 stigma-breaking and positive health messaging utilizing
12 virtual and physical resources; and

13 WHEREAS, Menstrual Hygiene Day organizers have set a
14 number of goals to be accomplished by 2030, including ensuring
15 all persons who menstruate have affordable access to menstrual
16 products of their choice, ending period stigma, ensuring
17 access to accurate and useful educational information on
18 menstruation and menstrual health for all, and providing clean
19 water for all to aid in menstrual hygiene; and

20 WHEREAS, Every person who menstruates should be empowered
21 to manage their menstruation safely, hygienically, with

1 confidence, and without shame; no person who menstruates
2 should be limited by something as natural and normal as a
3 period; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we declare May 28, 2022 as Menstrual Hygiene Day in the State
7 of Illinois.