

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Period Poverty Awareness Week was established by the Alliance for Period Supplies organization to draw attention to the issue of period supply poverty and the negative impact it has on people who menstruate; and

WHEREAS, one in four individuals who menstruate struggle with affording necessary period supplies due to lack of income or resources, and often these women and girls are not able to secure enough supplies to meet their monthly needs; and

WHEREAS, period poverty can lead to menstruators withdrawing from daily life and activities, losing vital pay, missing educational opportunities, and suffering health issues; and

WHEREAS, no student should have to miss school and other educational opportunities, no adult should have to miss work and wages, and people should not have to miss out on daily life and activities because they are unable to afford necessities they require to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Period Supplies mission includes improving lives and working to ensure that individuals in need have access to essential products required to participate fully in daily life; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Tampa believes everyone deserves to have the products they need, and it launched its Alliance for Period Supplies project in 2019, to work with a network of partners in the Tampa community to purchase and distribute Period Packs to menstruators in need each month, free of charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 22-28, 2023, as

"PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize and thank organizations such as the Alliance for Period Supplies and the Junior League of Tampa for their dedication and efforts in providing necessary supplies for those in need.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 5th day of May, 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor