

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, period supplies are a necessary product for millions of North Carolinians and the lack of these supplies, known as period poverty, can adversely affect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, national surveys and research studies report that two in five women who menstruate struggle to secure enough period supplies to meet their needs each month due to their cost; and

WHEREAS, national surveys also report that one in five individuals miss work or school due to an insufficient amount of period supplies; and

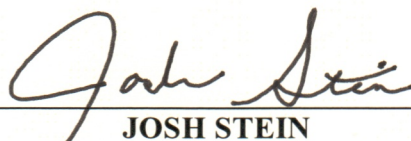
WHEREAS, period poverty exacerbates the vicious cycle of poverty by forcing women who menstruate to withdraw from daily life, losing pay or missing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, menstruators struggling with period poverty risk infections by using proxy products – such as socks or toilet paper – or not changing products as often as needed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina 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, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2025, as “**PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.