

Resolution Title: Free Period Products and Movement Toward Menstrual Equity

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WHEREAS, according to a survey commissioned by Thinx & PERIOD and conducted by Harris Insights & Analytics, 1 in 5 students have struggled to afford period products or were not able to purchase them at all¹;

WHEREAS, pads and tampons are basic hygiene and wellness necessities that all college campuses should provide for free, similar to toilet paper and soap, which are readily available in campus bathrooms;

WHEREAS, the SSCCC's approved resolution from 2016 in support of period product accessibility² does not accurately reflect the current need for *free* period products;

WHEREAS, AB 2003 (January 28, 2020), authored by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia³, reflects the educational barriers and financial burdens that low-income community college students face as the lack of free menstrual products directly relates to academic performance and emotional wellbeing in the classroom;

RESOLVED, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges makes it a legislative priority for the 2021-2022 year to advocate for *free* period products in all community college bathrooms and other campus venues, such as the food pantry or health centers;

RESOLVED, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges collaborates with system partners and colleges in collecting campus-wide data on period poverty in the community college system and researching methods and current practices to provide campuses with models to achieve the goal of statewide menstrual equity for all community colleges;

RESOLVED, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges collaborates with the Chancellor's Office, the Free The Period CA campaign⁴, and other system partners to create and implement an action plan to address statewide menstrual equity.

¹ Thinx and PERIOD. (2020). *State of The Period*.

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0795/1599/files/State-of-the-Period-white-paper_Thinx_PERIOD.pdf.

² (2016). *Personal Hygiene Product Dispensers*.

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³ Assembly Member Cristina Garcia. (2020) *Assembly Bill No. 2003*.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2003

⁴ Free The Period CA campaign. <https://freetheperiodca.org/about>