

House Resolution 1114

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Hugley of the 136th, and Schofield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2020, as Georgia Stop Tax On Menstrual Products Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Stop Tax On Menstrual Products (STOMP) is a state-wide coalition
4 of 18 organizations with a reach of 36,000 people, which was formed to address the issue of
5 menstrual equity and period poverty in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the primary goal of this organization is to eliminate the 4 percent state sales tax
7 Georgians are charged on medically necessary items they need to manage their periods with
8 dignity; and

9 WHEREAS, this tax is borne primarily by women, who are already economically
10 disadvantaged in our state; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP is committed to ensuring Georgians have access to the
12 menstrual products they need, no matter where they are or what their situation is; and

13 WHEREAS, the organization has worked with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency
14 (GEMA) to improve access to menstrual products for those experiencing situational poverty
15 following an emergency or disaster. Because of administrative changes, menstrual products
16 were added to the list of basic needs, and GEMA funds can now be used to purchase such
17 supplies in both the short and long term; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP has advocated for policy changes related to menstrual product
19 access at Georgia Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities, and products are now
20 available pursuant to the DOC's Feminine Hygiene Items Issuance Policy in every dorm
21 within all-female prisons, transitional centers, and probation detention centers. With the
22 institution of this policy, protections now exist for women in the Federal Bureau of Prisons

23 and the Georgia Department of Corrections and, thus, Georgia STOMP has turned its focus
24 to county and local jails and juvenile justice facilities; and

25 WHEREAS, budget appropriations have been allocated to the Georgia Department of
26 Education and the Georgia Department of Public Health to address period product needs in
27 schools and in the community; and

28 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP is to be applauded for its hard work and determination to
29 effect positive change in policy that treats Georgia women with the dignity they deserve.
30 Furthermore, STOMP has created an environment of greater acceptance and normalization
31 of the natural, healthy nature of the important biological process of menstruation.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize February 19, 2020, as Georgia Stop Tax On Menstrual
34 Products Day at the state capitol and commend the efforts of Georgia Stop Tax On Menstrual
35 Products in promoting equity, addressing poverty, and restoring the dignity of women across
36 the State of Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
39 Georgia Stop Tax On Menstrual Products (STOMP).