

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.113

Reps. Yancey, Kennedy, Anthony, Garrett, Brixie, Hood, Rabhi, Hoadley, Ellison, Gay-Dagnogo, Coleman, Pagan, Robinson, Peterson, Cambensy and Love offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 28, 2019, as Menstrual Hygiene Day
2 in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Menstrual Hygiene Day serves to increase public
4 awareness of the need to ensure women and girls are able to
5 maintain healthy menstruation practices; and

6 Whereas, Menstrual Hygiene Day is also a new effort to
7 destigmatize women's menstrual cycles, and advocate for better
8 access to feminine hygiene products for females who may otherwise
9 be forced to resort to less sanitary options; and

10 Whereas Menstrual hygiene is a worldwide issue. Women and
11 girls around the world face different challenges in managing their



1 menstruation depending on social norms, customs, geography, and
2 education; and

3 Whereas, Taboos and negative social norms surrounding
4 menstruation are perpetuated by society as a whole. Therefore,
5 creating an inclusive conversation with women and girls, as well as
6 boys and men, is critical to create understanding and foster a
7 supportive and healthy environment in menstrual health; and

8 Whereas, In late 2015 Michigan experienced a dramatic increase
9 of toxic shock syndrome cases, which can be caused from extended
10 use of super absorbent tampons. In late 2015, five cases were
11 reported. The previous ten years averaged four cases total, so it
12 is important to raise awareness of the risks of improper menstrual
13 hygiene so that these types of cases can be prevented, now,
14 therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare May 28, 2019, as Menstrual Hygiene
17 Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

18 Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage
19 all Michiganders to recognize the importance of menstrual health
20 and access to feminine hygiene products and to start a conversation
21 to recognize that menstruation is not a taboo and menstrual health
22 is key for women and girls' health and wellbeing everywhere.