

Proclamation

Advocacy for Women's Health

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham recognizes the importance of health and hygiene for the well-being and dignity of all girls and young women; and

WHEREAS, the lack of access to affordable and readily available menstrual products, known as "period poverty", can negatively impact a person's dignity, education, employment, and overall health and sense of well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham is committed to ensuring that members of our community have access to necessary resources to manage their menstrual health; and

WHEREAS, various organizations are working diligently to address "period poverty" and provide essential resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law requires public schools to provide menstrual products free of charge, recognizing the importance of this access to support student success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges the vital role of period product access and the efforts of many organizations in addressing "period poverty." We further recognize and support the ongoing efforts to ensure that members of our community, particularly students, have access to the necessary resources to manage their menstrual health with dignity and without further burden.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham commits to working with local organizations and groups such as Chatham Girl Scouts to increase availability of resources and to educate members of the community.



Michael Choi, Mayor