

WHEREAS, House Bill 285 sponsored by Representative Valerie Longhurst, and co-sponsored by Representative Dorsey-Walker, Senator Darius Brown, and Senator Elizabeth Lockman, who all represent Wilmington was passed by the House of Representatives on January 30, 2020. House Bill 285 requires schools with students “grades 6-12 to provide free feminine hygiene products in 50% of the bathrooms used by students who can have a menstrual cycle”; and

WHEREAS, feminine products are bathroom necessities just as much as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and water. The over 4,000 girls in Wilmington middle Schools and high Schools need to have reliable and affordable access to feminine products as this will remove barriers for them to receive the quality education they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City Council strongly supports House Bill 285 pertaining to providing free menstrual products in Delaware public and private middle and high schools. In addition, the City Council strongly encourages the Honorable Senators of the Delaware General Assembly to vote in favor of House Bill 285 as it provides positive support for our students.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution expresses strong support from the Wilmington City Council for House Bill 285, and strongly encourages the Honorable Senators of the Delaware General Assembly to pass House Bill 285.