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3 **RESOLUTION NO.**

4 **WHEREAS**, Texas is one of 26 states to tax menstrual products (such as
5 tampons and pads), and one of 33 states to tax child and adult diapers; and

6 **WHEREAS**, menstrual products and diapers are necessary to daily life for
7 millions of Texans, and these taxes create an undue and inequitable burden on
8 those who purchase them; and

9 **WHEREAS**, period poverty is defined as a lack of access to menstrual
10 products, which impacts the ability of those who menstruate to engage in daily
11 activities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to a 2021 study by U by Kotex, two in five people
13 have struggled to afford period products; and

14 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Diaper Bank Network, one in three
15 families report experiencing diaper needs; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the 87th Texas state legislative session, Representatives
17 Donna Howard, Shawn Thierry, Sheryl Cole, Angie Chen Button, and Ina
18 Minjarez authored H.B. 321 relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain
19 feminine hygiene products, and Representatives Donna Howard and Ina Minjarez
20 authored H.B. 322, relating to a sales and use tax exemption for child and adult
21 diapers; and

22 **WHEREAS**, removing these taxes would alleviate the inequitable burden
23 placed upon those who use menstrual products and diapers; **NOW,**

24 **THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

25 The City Manager is directed to add the following items to the City of Austin
26 legislative agenda for the state legislative session:

- 27 1. Exempt menstrual products from the state sales tax.
- 28 2. Exempt diaper products from the state sales tax

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

31 The City of Austin expresses its strong support for legislation that exempts
32 menstrual and diaper products from the state sales tax to alleviate the burden such
33 taxes place on Texans.

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38 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____
39 Myrna Rios
40 City Clerk
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