

SUUSA S.R. # 004 A Resolution of Solidarity with The Period Project and H.B. 162

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WHEREAS, menstruation is a natural, involuntary bodily cycle of girls, women, and all who menstruate; AND

WHEREAS, general lack of access to basic period products in both public and charter school systems leads to missed educational opportunities, potential health risks, public embarrassment, and creates an adverse impact on individual well-being; AND

WHEREAS, many female children and students experience period poverty, which is a lack of financial access to period products, and are often subject to humiliation compounded by the lack of access to basic period products in their respective educational institutions; AND

WHEREAS, The Period Project has committed to combatting and ending period poverty in the state of Utah, as well as ensuring that period products are available in all public and charter educational institutions therein; AND

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature has introduced H.B. 162 to the 2022 General Session, which seeks to require local school boards and charter school governing boards

to provide basic period products, free of charge, in each female and unisex restroom within their facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern Utah University Student Association stands in solidarity with both The Period Project and the proposed H.B. 162, and commits to assisting in any future endeavors forthwith in combating period poverty on campus where necessary and appropriate. Furthermore, we encourage the Southern Utah University Administration to likewise stand in solidarity with this measure, and bring to bear on campus the goal described therein.

Student Body President, Nouman Kante: _____