

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA IN SUPPORT OF AB 31 (GARCIA, BONTA, GONZALEZ, AND MATHIS) THE NO TAMPON TAX BILL

WHEREAS, most states charge sales taxes on all tangible property with exemptions for items deemed to be necessities such as groceries, prescription drugs and certain medical products, and food stamp purchases; and

WHEREAS, many states still, however, fail to recognize menstrual health products such as sanitary pads and tampons as necessities and consider them subject to sales tax; and

WHEREAS, such antiquated tax laws have a disproportionate negative impact on women, thus creating gender imbalance in the state's tax law; and

WHEREAS, AB 31 (Garcia, Bonta, Gonzalez, and Mathis), The No Tampon Tax Bill would revise California tax laws to exempt menstrual health products as essential items; and

WHEREAS, currently the regressive California sales tax on sanitary pads and tampons largely impacts women in low-income brackets for whom sales taxes constitute a larger proportion of their income and; and

WHEREAS, sanitary pads and tampons advance public health by promoting public sanitation; and

WHEREAS, several states such as Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and New Jersey have already exempted menstrual health products from sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, AB 31 would allow California to advance beyond its current regressive taxes and join the list of states that have recognized that sanitary pads and tampons are essential to a women's wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alameda is committed to the rights and wellness of women, girls and others who menstruate and acknowledges that the State of California must put an end to taxation on essential menstrual health products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alameda hereby supports AB 31 (Garcia, Bonta, Gonzalez, and Mathis), The No Tampon Tax Bill.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Michael H. Roush, Interim City Attorney  
City of Alameda