UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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The Menstrual Product Price Stabilization and Availability Act

Whereas, the University of Houston is committed to maintaining an inclusive, safe, and welcoming educational environment;

Whereas, only one brand of menstrual products is available for personal hygiene needs on campus;

Whereas, the price of menstrual products is hyperinflated and not standardized in every store on campus;

Whereas, an overwhelming 90% of surveyed students on campus prefer plastic tampons to cardboard tampons;

Whereas, menstrual products are not currently priced as an essential item on campus;

Whereas, due to the poor accessibility of decently priced, high quality menstrual products, 60% of surveyed students have not purchased tampons and pads on campus;

Whereas, 70% of surveyed students on campus use 10+ tampons and pads per week, which is not a sustainable rate with only two small quantities of menstrual products offered;

Whereas, 82% of surveyed students on campus would prefer a variety of brands rather than just Tampax Pearl (cardboard);

Whereas, the University of Houston must meet personal hygiene needs on campus for both its residents and commuter students;

Whereas, the Student Government Association is collaborating with Auxiliary Services and Chartwells to directly address this issue.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That Chartwells and Auxiliary Services will collaborate with the Student Government Association to set prices and determine the itinerary list of menstrual products to be sold on campus starting Fall 2018;

Be it further enacted, that Auxiliary Services will facilitate the transition from mostly cardboard tampons to plastic tampons;

Be it further enacted, that the premium on the price of menstrual products sold on campus will be decreased by 10.7%;

Be it further enacted, that menstrual products will be priced as an essential item on campus;

Be it further enacted, that prices for menstrual products will be standardized across campus venues;

Be it further enacted, that Chartwells will expand to offer a variety of brands including U by Kotex, Playtex, and Tampax;

Be it further enacted, that menstrual products will be sold in larger quantities on campus.

Cameron Barrett Student Government President Date of President's Approval: 7/10/14



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