

Resolution 021

A Resolution to Provide Greater Access to Feminine Hygiene Products

Sponsored by: Senator Gemma del Carmen

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Cecilia Bracey and Senator Leigh Calotta

Whereas,

54.6% of The Catholic University of America community is female.¹

Whereas,

The cost of an 18 pack of pantyliners in the P.O.D is \$6.49.

Whereas,

The P.O.D. is the only place on campus where one can purchase feminine hygiene products.

Whereas,

This monthly cost can become burdensome on female students.

Whereas,

Many women must improvise or leave class early in order to find female hygiene products if they get their period unexpectedly.

Whereas,

Female students frequently visit the Przybyla and Dufour Athletic Center. The Dufour Athletic Center is a great distance from the P.O.D., creating inaccessibility to feminine hygiene products and the Przybyla Center is a high traffic area for student activity.

Whereas,

Universities such as Harvard, Brown, GW, American University, University of Nebraska, UCF, and many more supply free feminine hygiene products in their female restrooms.

Whereas,

New York State is one of many states that requires by law that all schools provide menstrual products in restrooms for girls in grades 6 through 12.²

¹ <https://www.forbes.com/colleges/catholic-university-of-america/>

² <https://medium.com/periodmovement/only-three-u-s-states-require-high-schools-to-provide-free-feminine-products-9ff3e8437ae8>

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that the University provide free feminine hygiene products in all female restrooms in all academic buildings on campus as well as the Pryzbyla Center and the Dufour Athletic Center.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

Jimmy Harrington
President of the Student Government Association

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Vice President of the Student Government Association

