

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will mandate the removal of sales tax on feminine hygiene products, diapers, and incontinence products sold in the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, These items are a necessity at some point for the majority people and should not be classified as a luxury item; and

WHEREAS, Hygiene products can be described as tampons, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, diapers, adult diapers, and specialized cleansers; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the 1.4 million females in Nevada use feminine hygiene products for reasons out of their control; and

WHEREAS, Infants and those with incontinence have very limited options other than diapers or pads therefore making them more of a necessity rather than a luxury; and

WHEREAS, These products are a necessity since they help maintain hygiene; and

WHEREAS, Medical purchases such as prescriptions, splints, prosthetics, some over-the-counter drugs, and food excluding prepared food are not taxed due to their status as a necessity, but these products that are just as necessary and are taxed at anywhere from 6.85 to 8.1 percent; and

WHEREAS, Sixteen percent of Nevada's working-age women and 15% of the general population have incomes falling below the poverty line and do not receive state assistance to purchase already expensive hygiene products, alienating them from their necessity; and

WHEREAS, In a woman's lifetime she will spend over \$18,000 on feminine hygiene products or, in other words, a little under a year's worth of university level education; and

WHEREAS, Availability of these products may help limit health problems associated with mistreatment of feminine necessity and incontinence or poor hygiene of infants; and

WHEREAS, The reduction in price of these products due to the removal of this tax on feminine hygiene and incontinence products will make them more readily available to female prisoners and soldiers therefore decreasing disease and medical spending in female prisons and overseas; and

WHEREAS, This price reduction in feminine hygiene and incontinence products or diapers will allow for progressive programs, as seen in New York public schools after the removal, where feminine hygiene products were made available for all female students free of charge that eventually decreased the stigma of menstruation in those schools; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016 that the 2017 session of the Nevada legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to mandate the removal of sales tax on feminine hygiene, diapers, and incontinence products.