

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**; period supplies, including pads, tampons, and other menstrual products are essential health necessities for billions of people worldwide, yet remain inaccessible to far too many due to cost and stigma; and

**WHEREAS**; period poverty affects approximately 1 in 5 students across the United States, with more than one-third of low-income individuals reporting having missed work, school, or other commitments due to insufficient access to period supplies; and

**WHEREAS**; period poverty is both a public health issue and an equity issue, one that disproportionately impacts low-income individuals, students of color, and others facing economic hardship; and

**WHEREAS**; the City of Appleton is proud to be home to The Monthlies Project, a grassroots community initiative founded in 2021 and supported by Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, the Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region, Fox Communities Credit Union, ThedaCare, and many dedicated local partners, which has grown from a small volunteer effort into a regional movement that has now distributed over one million period products across Northeast Wisconsin; and

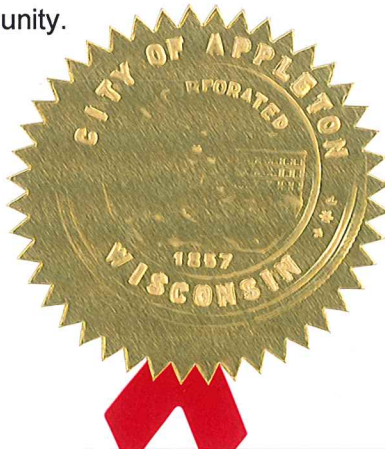
**WHEREAS**; The Monthlies Project partners with 165 distribution sites, including Appleton Area School District schools, libraries, and community centers; and

**WHEREAS**; Wisconsin remains one of fewer than 20 states that still taxes menstrual products, and advocates across the Fox Valley are working with state and national leaders to reduce barriers to access and advance menstrual equity as a recognized educational and health right for all; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim May 20-28, 2026

## Period Poverty Awareness Month

in the City of Appleton, I call upon all residents to join in recognizing and supporting the vital work of ending period poverty in our community.



Signed and sealed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON