

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A GENERAL HEALTH POLICY PROVIDING FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS WITH PUBLIC RESTROOMS OWNED AND OPERATED BY MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, (517) 853-4000, on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundand, Wilson, Wisinski

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Deschaine

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Wilson and supported by Clerk Guthrie.

**WHEREAS**, the General Health Policy will promote racial equity, economic security, health, and well-being for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Meridian finds that soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, toilet seat disposable covers, paper towels, tissues, menstrual pads, and tampons are all essential to the general health and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board also finds that ensuring that such products are readily available in public restrooms will help prevent the spread of germs, reduce the transmission of blood-borne pathogens, and improve the general public welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, this General Health Policy will support and enhance the 2022 DEI Goal for Meridian Township; and

**WHEREAS**, sanitary products are necessary hygienic products; and

**WHEREAS**, not all people have the means by which to purchase the goods they need for general health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy will support the Updated 2015 Township Personnel Handbook with an emphasis on building equity for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MOVES TO ADOPT A GENERAL HEALTH POLICY PROVIDING FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS WITH PUBLIC RESTROOMS OWNED AND OPERATED BY MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP AND DEFINES SANITARY PRODUCTS AS SOAP, HAND SANITIZER, TOILET PAPER, TOILET SEAT DISPOSABLE COVERS, PAPER TOWELS, TISSUES, MENSTRUAL PADS, AND TAMPONS:**

**1.2 POLICY TITLE: *HEALTH AND SAFETY ENDS (Priority #2 for enhancement; #1 for sustained condition.)***

**8. A commitment to protecting and sustaining the general health of Township staff and residents by:**

**a. Providing free sanitary products within public restrooms owned and operated by Meridian Township no later than January 1, 2023.**

**i. As used in this section, "sanitary products" means: soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, toilet seat disposable covers, paper towels, tissues, menstrual pads, and tampons.**

**ADOPTED:**

**YEAS:** Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundand, Wilson, Wisisnski

**NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_

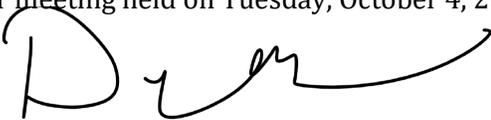
Resolution declared adopted.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN )**

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**COUNTY OF INGHAM )**

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.



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Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Meridian