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39 WHEREAS 1.0% (equating to about 209 students) of surveyed students reported being
40 diagnosed/treated for genital herpes within the past 12 months¹; and

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42 WHEREAS free condoms are currently only accessible in the Student Multicultural &
43 Diversity Office and Blazer Kitchen in the Hill Student Center, the Student Health &
44 Wellness Center, and during occasional tabling by student organizations and
45 programming by resident assistants; and

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47 WHEREAS the UAB School of Public Health and the 1917 Clinic conducted a survey of
48 723 students from March 18, 2019 to April 26, 2019²; and

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50 WHEREAS 25.1% (equating to about 5,502 students) of UAB students responding to the
51 aforementioned survey reported that it is difficult or very difficult to access condoms on
52 campus, the largest proportion of students²; and

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54 WHEREAS 33.3% (equating to about 7,303 students) of UAB students reported that
55 where they can access condoms as very important in their decision to use condoms²; and

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57 WHEREAS 25.5% (equating to about 5,592 students) of UAB students reported that
58 when they can access condoms to be very important in their decision to use condoms²;
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61 WHEREAS 24.8% of (equating to about 5,436 students) UAB students reported that
62 whether or not they have to interact with someone to access condoms is very important in
63 their decision to use a condom²; and

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65 WHEREAS providing free condom dispensers in residence hall laundry rooms poses many
66 **benefits**; and

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68 WHEREAS the use of condoms is the most easily accessible and effective way to prevent
69 unintended pregnancy and the transmission of STIs³; and

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71 WHEREAS the installation of free condom dispensers in the laundry rooms of UAB
72 Residence Halls would offer uninterrupted, centralized, non-judgmental access for
73 residents; and

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² For a presentation of this data or for any relevant questions, please contact Dr. Austin, School of Public Health (elaustin@uab.edu).

75 WHEREAS the CDC has data to support the fact that providing adolescents with sexual
76 and reproductive health services and information does not increase their sexual activity or
77 pregnancy rate⁴; and

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79 WHEREAS a 2018 research study conducted by public health experts found that
80 condom-availability programs were effective in increasing condom usage among sexually
81 active students, as well as reducing rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea⁵; and

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83 WHEREAS public health experts attribute the nationwide spike in STI rates to a drop in
84 prevention funding, poor understanding of STI prevention, and declines in condom use⁴;
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87 WHEREAS there is an overwhelming amount of **support** among students for condoms to be
88 easily accessible; and

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90 WHEREAS 98.4% of 512 UAB students surveyed from a 4-month survey conducted to
91 evaluate student demand for easy access to condoms in Rast Hall signed a petition in
92 support of easy access to condoms⁶; and

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94 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate
95 student population, supports the installation of condom dispensers in the laundry rooms of all
96 UAB Residence Halls based on the overwhelming need for access to affordable contraception,
97 the benefits of condom use, and the support for the initiative from the UAB undergraduate
98 student body.

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³ <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/programresources/guidance/condoms/index.html>
⁴ https://www.gutmacher.org/sites/default/files/article_files/gpr2202919.pdf
⁵ <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/programresources/guidance/condoms/index.html>
⁶ See addendum.