



**TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS**  
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MEMORANDUM

February 20, 2019

TO: Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.  
REF: Mayor's Agenda

**1. Proclamation – March 2019 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in Kill Devil Hills (Attached MA-1)**

The above proclamation calls for increased awareness of multiple sclerosis, an immune-mediated disorder which affects the central nervous system in over two million people globally.

**2. Resolution – Expressing Support of Continued Funding for the North Carolina Active Routes to School Program (Attached MA-2)**

This resolution expresses support for the Active Routes to School program and continued funding for this project partnership between the N.C. Department of Transportation and the N.C. Division of Public Health.

**3. Resolution – Opposing the Proposed Increase for Homeowners Insurance (Attached MA-3)**

A recent proposal by the N.C. Rate Bureau recommends a homeowners' insurance increase that could unfairly target coastal communities with rate adjustments of 25% - 30% to the N.C. Department of Insurance.

I recommend approval of these items and a motion or motions would be in order for their adoption.



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### PROCLAMATION MARCH 2019 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society- Greater Carolinas Chapter reports that in our state more than 18,000 people are living with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for more than 70 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$900 million in groundbreaking research; and

**WHEREAS**, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the effort of nearly 380 research projects globally totaling over \$50 million annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

**WHEREAS**, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and North Carolinians should support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills of North Carolina recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Greater Carolinas Chapter has shown toward creating a world free of MS;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2019 as MS Awareness Month, commends this observance to all of our citizens and encourages all North Carolinians to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Michael O'Dell  
Deputy Town Clerk

**ATTACHMENT MA-1**



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### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA ACTIVE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is the duly recognized transportation planning policy board for the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO); and

WHEREAS, Active Routes to School is a North Carolina Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project supported by a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Division of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the program focuses on providing a safe, appealing environment for walking and biking, improves the quality of children's lives, and supports national health objectives by increasing physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the Active Routes to School program is federally funded through June of 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Division of Public Health in their efforts to continue to fund the federal Active Routes to School program beyond June of 2019.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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### **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASE FOR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Rate Bureau is recommending to the North Carolina Department of Insurance a drastic homeowners insurance rate increase, which would severely hurt the people of Kill Devil Hills and other coastal communities, and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase unfairly targets coastal communities and would cause them to endure rates that are excessive, unwarranted, and unjustified; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase will cause property owners in the barrier island portions of Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties to suffer a 30% increase and impose a 25% increase for homeowners in the inland portions of these counties; and

WHEREAS, since a portion of the homeowner rate is for wind, the filing would have an adverse impact on Wind Only policies including policies in what is commonly referred to as the "Beach Plan" which would result in an increase of over \$700 for \$200,000 of coverage for Outer Banks wind only policyholders; and

WHEREAS, the excessive increase sought by the North Carolina Rate Bureau will cause harm to Kill Devil Hills homeowners, especially those struggling to make their mortgage payments, and have an adverse impact on the affordability of housing in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, strongly opposes the rate increase requested by the insurance industry as unjustified, unfair, and unnecessary and calls upon the North Carolina Department of Insurance to deny the filing.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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