



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2019

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

1. Proclamations

- A. **Proclamation – April 2019 as National Autism Awareness Month in Kill Devil Hills (Attached MA-1A)**
- B. **Proclamation – April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kill Devil Hills (Attached MA-1B)**
- C. **Proclamation – April 8 – 12, 2019, as Week of the Young Learner (Attached MA-1C)**

The above proclamations honor the children and issues important to our community and vital to society. Upon the Board of Commissioners' adoption, they will be shared with our citizens, employees, and other local governments, and posted on our website and social media.

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



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Proclamation – April 2019 National Autism Awareness Month in the Town of Kill Devil Hills

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

WHEREAS, autism awareness efforts are increasing in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2019 as NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges our citizens to become better educated about autism and to help create a better community for individuals with autism.

This 11th day of March, 2019.

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Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk



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Proclamation – April 2019 Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities that foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, a special display, "Because Someone Cared," is set up on the corner of Croatan Highway and Eighth Street in Kill Devil Hills; and

WHEREAS, each figure in the display represents a substantiated case of child abuse in Dare County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioner, hereby proclaims

April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 11th day of March, 2019.

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**Proclamation Declaring April 8-12, 2019
as Week of the Young Child
“Celebrating our Youngest Learners!”**

WHEREAS, Children and Youth Partnership for Dare County, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children, is celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 8-12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, working to promote and ensure high quality early learning opportunities for all young children provides a critical foundation for children to succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, early childhood teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children in Dare County and are making a difference in the lives of our youngest residents deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, connecting parents and families with resources and information enhances the healthy development of Dare County’s young children; and

WHEREAS, public policies and partnerships that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children’s futures and to the prosperity of our local community and larger society;

NOW THEREFORE, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 8-12, 2019, as

Week of the Young Child

in Kill Devil Hills, and encourage all our citizens to recognize the needs and support the healthy development of every young child in Kill Devil Hills.

Adopted this 11th day of March, 2019.

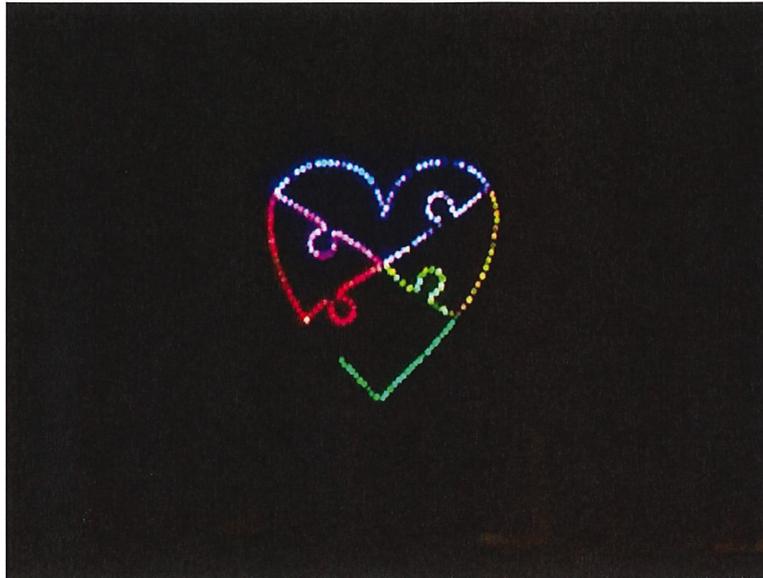
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The Kill Devil Hills' Buildings and Grounds Department created a heart to display at Aviation Park for the month of April, observing National Autism Awareness Month.



“Because Someone Cared” is displayed for the entire month of April. The display raises awareness about the important role each community member plays in protecting children and strengthening families. It is located on the corner of Croatan Highway and Eighth Street in Kill Devil Hills.



Additional information can be obtained at www.preventchildabuse.org or <http://www.child-abuse.com/>. You may make a report by calling the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services - Social Services Division at (252) 475-5500, 8:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday- Friday or by calling 911 if you believe it is an emergency.