



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

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