



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS  
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2019

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

**1. Proclamations and Resolutions**

- A. Proclamation – April 22, 2019 as Girl Scout Leader's Day (Attached MA-1A)**
- B. Proclamation – April 22, 2019 as Earth Day (Attached MA-1B)**
- C. Resolution – Reaffirming the Town of Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners Continued Opposition to Offshore Drilling and Seismic Testing (Attached MA-1C)**

At its April 1, 2019, meeting, the Dare County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution Reaffirming Continued Opposition to Offshore Drilling and Seismic Testing, and encouraged other local and state governments to continue their opposition. This resolution has been adapted to reflect the Town of Kill Devil Hills and its citizens.

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



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**2019 Girl Scout Leader's Day  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, April 22, 2019, is the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Girl Scout Leader's Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouts provides a special place for girls to build leadership skills while building courage, confidence, and character in an all-girl and safe environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the adult Girl Scout leaders are a vital part of this process, serving as role models and providing the inspiration and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the 107-year-old tradition of Girl Scouts depends on the continuing service and devotion of these volunteer leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that Girl Scout leaders be publicly recognized and honored on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the official Girl Scout Leader's Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 22, 2019, as Girl Scout Leader's Day in the Town of Kill Devil Hills.

The Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners further calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills to join us in honoring Girl Scout leaders and lending continued support and cooperation to all Girl Scouts who are making a difference in the community.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Deputy Town Clerk



## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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### **Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2019 as Earth Day**

**WHEREAS**, human kind is currently facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including large-scale migration, extreme inequality and poverty, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, all people of this Earth, no matter their race, gender, income, sexual orientation or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the citizens of our global community to develop green jobs and to build an innovative and equitable green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills has regularly hosted its annual Trash Attack! volunteer community clean up event to lessen the impact of litter throughout our Town;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners has the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2019, as

### **EARTH DAY**

throughout Kill Devil Hills and encourages all of its citizens, businesses, and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and promote environmental and climate literacy.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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## **A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING AND SEISMIC TESTING**

WHEREAS, the the United States Department of Interior has recently opened the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) for review under a new oil and gas leasing program from 2019-2024, which includes the possibility of permits being issued for surveying and testing in this region for exploration of offshore oil and natural gas deposits; and,

WHEREAS, coastal North Carolina, including Dare County and the Town of Kill Devil Hills, realize enormous economic and environmental benefits from the Atlantic Ocean and in particular the OCS, which provides residents and visitors with unique opportunities to explore and realize careers and vacations possible only because of the OCS; and,

WHEREAS, commercial and recreational fishing added more than \$2 billion to the State of North Carolina's revenues in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the coastal tourism industry generates more than \$3.5 billion annually, and in Dare County alone tourism expenditures exceeded \$1 billion in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Dare County, geographically the easternmost portion of the State of North Carolina, with more than 100 miles of oceanfront, is acutely sensitive to OCS surveying activities, including exploratory drilling and seismic testing which could damage beaches and coastline, potentially jeopardizing the livelihood of those who have depended on the sea for generations; and,

WHEREAS, neither offshore drilling nor testing have been proven that they can be safely performed without risking catastrophic and irrevocable harm to the OCS, Dare County's and North Carolina's coast, natural resources, properties, businesses, and overall quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, because our coastal beaches and waters must be safeguarded for future generations, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners adopted its original *Resolution Opposing Offshore Exploratory Drilling Until Environmental Concerns of the People are Satisfied* on February 27, 1989; and reaffirmed that position on December 12, 1994; and, again, on April 8, 2013; June 9, 2014; April 13, 2015; and, most recently on February 12, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that local and state officials throughout North Carolina, and our neighboring states join us, the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and other Dare County governing boards, in taking a unified stand against offshore drilling and seismic testing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KILL DEVIL HILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that we stand for and in support of our unique coastal environment, our economy, our citizens, and our visitors by adopting this resolution urging North Carolina, our neighboring states, and all federal agencies to take no action that would endanger our beautiful coast, and, therefore, place our local, regional and state economies in jeopardy.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Mayor

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