



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2019

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

1. Resolution and proclamations

A. Peace Officer Memorial Day May 15, 2019 and National Police Week May 12-18, 2019 (Attached MA-1A)

The idea of a Peace Officers Memorial Day was born on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor law enforcement officers. President John F Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. Designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the corresponding calendar week of each year as Police Week is a practice that has continued ever since.

According to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), about 140-160 officers are killed in the line of duty each year and their families and co-workers are left to cope with tragic losses. Calling on our citizens to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week helps increase awareness of the important, vital roles law enforcement fills in our society.

A motion to adopt the proclamation for *National Police Week May 12-18, 2019 and Police Officer Memorial Day May 15, 2019* will be in order.



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Proclamation Designating May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 12-18, 2019 as Police Week

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as *Peace Officers Memorial Day*, and the week in which it falls as *Police Week*; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Kill Devil Hills play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Kill Devil Hills; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of Kill Devil Hills has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12-18, 2019, as *Police Week* with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FURTHER calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills to observe Monday, May 15, 2019, as *Peace Officers Memorial Day* in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

This the 13th day of May, 2019.

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Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary E. Quidley
Town Clerk