



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2019

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Díaz, Town Manager 

REF: Introductions and Presentations

4. 2019 Ocean Rescue Guards and adoption of Proclamation on Rip Current Awareness Month in Kill Devil Hills (Attached IP-4)

Fire Chief Troy Tilley and Ocean Rescue Supervisor David Elder will present this season's Ocean Rescue Guards at this meeting. They will not arrive at the Meeting Room until approximately 6:00 p.m. When introductions are completed, Staff recommends adoption of the attached *Proclamation on National Beach Safety/Rip Current Awareness Week*.

Our beaches represent a precious recreational resource. Residents and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches year-round for water and beach activities. The aquatic environment has dangers, particularly rip currents, that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards.

For reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the beach and ocean are appropriate at the beginning of the busy summer beach season. Residents and visitors alike must remember:

- Learn to swim
- Swim near a lifeguard
- Swim with someone
- Check with the ocean rescue guards
- Use sunscreen and drink plenty of water
- Obey posted signs and flags
- Keep the beaches and water clean
- Learn rip current safety
- Enter water feet first

The Town of Kill Devil Hills invites everyone to enjoy our beaches and to take appropriate protection measures.

A motion to adopt the Proclamation on *National Beach Safety/ Rip Current Awareness Month* will be in order.



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National Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Month
June 2019**

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastal and inland beaches of Kill Devil Hills represent a world renowned recreational resource; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

WHEREAS, the aquatic environment has dangers, particularly rip currents, that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike must remember: learn to swim, swim near a lifeguard, swim with a buddy, check with the lifeguards, use sunscreen and drink water, obey posted signs and flags, keep the beach and water clean, learn rip current safety, enter water feet first and wear a life jacket.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim **June 2019**, as

National Beach Safety/Rip Current Awareness Month

in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges all patrons using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year, while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their children.

This the 10th day of June, 2019.

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Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary E. Quidley
Town Clerk