



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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MEMORANDUM

December 9, 2019

TO: KDH Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ben Sproul
REF: Mayor's Agenda

1. Resolution

A. 2020 Census Partnership (Attached MA-1A)

The decennial Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and Kill Devil Hills joins communities across the nation in encouraging the work of the Census Bureau. Results of the 2020 Census will determine Congressional representation and federal funding allocations for our communities. Kill Devil Hills has authorized a Staff representative to serve on Dare County's Complete Count Committee, in an effort to promote Census participation. Each citizen of Kill Devil Hills is encouraged to consider the 2020 Census message of "Shape your future. START HERE," and participate in the Census.

I recommend approval of this resolution and a motion would be in order for its adoption.



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2020 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a complete count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS the Town of Kill Devil Hills is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing; and

WHEREAS census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts; and

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey is vital for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents; and

WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS Kill Devil Hills and the Dare County Complete Count Committee (CCC) will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Kill Devil Hills is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of North Carolina and will:

1. Support the goals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information;
2. Encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation;
3. Provide CCC members and Census advocates to speak to County and Community Organizations;
4. Support census takers as they help our County complete an accurate count; and,
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

This the 9th day of December, 2019.

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Ben Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk