



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2020

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

1. Proclamation

A. May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10-16, 2020, as Police Week (Attached MA-1A)

Peace Officers Memorial Day was established when Congress asked the President to designate May 15 each year to honor law enforcement officers. President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. The annual designation of May 15 as Peace Officers Day and the corresponding calendar week as National Police Week has continued since. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 135 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2019, with 1,627 deaths in the past 10 years. Their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss.

President Obama stated in observance in 2013, "*We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory.*"

We call on our citizens to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to help increase awareness of the vital role that law enforcement fills in our society.

A motion to adopted the *Proclamation Designating May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10-16, 2020, as Police Week* will be in order.



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Proclamation Designating May 15, 2020 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10-16, 2020 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 10-16, 2020, 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 Friday, May 15, 2020, 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 11th day of May, 2020.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Quidley
Town Clerk