



**TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS**  
*Land Where Flight Began*

MEMORANDUM

June 8, 2020

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

**1. Resolutions and Proclamations (Attached MA-1A and MA-1B)**

**A. Resolution in Celebration of a Life of Service: Chad Jones**

The community recently lost a dedicated public servant with the death of Dare MedFlight Director of Operations Chad Jones, a long-time resident of Dare County. This resolution highlights his selfless work in Kill Devil Hills and throughout the community.

A motion to adopt the *Resolution in Celebration of a Life of Service: Chad Jones* will be in order.

**B. National Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Month Proclamation**

The beaches of Kill Devil Hills represent a precious natural resource. The citizens and visitors to our community are drawn to these beaches year-round for recreational activities. However, this aquatic environment has dangers, particularly rip currents, that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards. The Town of Kill Devil Hills urges all beachgoers to take appropriate measures to protect themselves and their families as they enjoy our pristine shore.

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



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### RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF A LIFE OF SERVICE: CHAD JONES

**WHEREAS**, Jonathan Chad Jones is a native North Carolinian and Outer Banker, being born in New Bern and a graduate of Manteo High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Chad began his career as an emergency medical technician (EMT), later becoming a flight paramedic. After achieving his pilot's license, he began his service to Dare County as an emergency medical services (EMS) helicopter pilot, and

**WHEREAS**, following a dedicated career, he was promoted to Chief Pilot and Director of Operations for Dare MedFlight; and

**WHEREAS**, Chad spent his life and career in service to others most in need throughout our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Canadian Air Force Pilot John G. Magee fittingly composed these lines while flying at 30,000 feet in the air during World War II:

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence . . .  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills, the birthplace of flight, joins the community in mourning the loss of Jonathan Chad Jones, but gains strength in the celebration of his life and honoring the example of his selfless acts of courage and compassion.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Deputy Town Clerk



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### Town of Kill Devil Hills National Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Month June 2020

**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 2020**, 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 families.

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