



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2020 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, suicide is a huge but largely preventable public health issue and is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the number of deaths by suicide continues to grow in our country, our state, and in Dare County; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment identified suicide as the eighth leading cause of death amongst residents in Dare County and the second leading cause of death in the age group 20-39 years of age; and

WHEREAS, for every suicide death there are numerous family and friends whose lives are devastated emotionally, socially and economically by said death; and

WHEREAS, a lack of awareness, understanding, and stigma is prevalent globally, in our nation and within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services is committed in its effort to promote awareness understanding and reduce the stigma associated with suicide;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills hereby adopts this proclamation in support of Dare County Department of Health and Human Services in its quest to promote suicide awareness and prevention; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim September 2020 "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH" in Kill Devil Hills and urges its citizens and interested groups to promote awareness of this debilitating public health issue and reach out to someone with kind words of inspiration that might save a life.

This the 14th day of September 2020.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk