



# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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MEMORANDUM

October 12, 2020

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

## 1. Proclamation

### A. November 2020 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month (Attached MA-1A)

Over 5 million Americans are currently afflicted by Alzheimer's Disease, and more than 16 million family members and caregivers provide care for them. By mid-century, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's is expected to grow to 13.8 million. This proclamation observes Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, and is intended to heighten awareness in our community, and as former President Ronald Reagan stated, "... perhaps it will encourage a clearer understanding of the individuals and families who are affected by it."

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



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### A PROCLAMATION ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2020

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is a devastating disease that affects over 5 million people in the United States and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative disease and is the most common form of dementia; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease causes deterioration of memory and thinking, and erodes judgment and reasoning abilities; it also affects behavior, emotions and the ability to care for oneself; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently is no cure for Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Alzheimer's disease is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for American adults and the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in adults age 65 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills joins individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease in promoting research to find a cause and cure, and in supporting educational programs and support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills supports the Alzheimer's Foundation of America commemoration to honor those whose lives have been affected by Alzheimer's disease, or similar related illnesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2020, as "**Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**" in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and commends its observance to all citizens.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Deputy Town Clerk