



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

A Proclamation of the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners Declaring March 1, 2021, as COVID-19 Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the first Monday in March, has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

WHEREAS, in response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

WHEREAS, public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society,

WHEREAS, the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

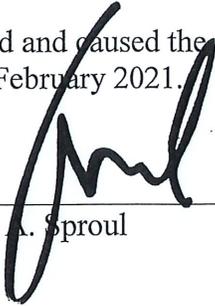
WHEREAS, more than 2.47 million people worldwide, with over 500,000 in the United States having lost their lives due to COVID-19, and, in North Carolina alone, more than 10,976 lives lost to this deadly virus; and

WHEREAS, each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and the surrounding community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the first Monday in March 2021 as "COVID-19 Memorial Day," in remembrance of those who have lost their lives and in honor of those who are forever marked by COVID and continue to suffer from the impact of this virus, along with the innumerable dedicated public servants and citizens who have demonstrated remarkable service to their community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the Town of Kill Devil Hills to be affixed this 23rd day of February 2021.





Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:



James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk