



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

April 12, 2021

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

1. **Proclamations (Attached MA-1A and 1B)**
 - A. **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**
 - B. **Earth Day Proclamation**

The above proclamations honor the children and issues important to our community and vital to society. Upon the Board of Commissioners' adoption, they will be shared with our citizens, employees, and other local governments, and posted on our website and social media. I recommend approval of these proclamations and a motion or motions would be in order for their adoption.



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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2021 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizen, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the pinwheel has been selected as this year's theme, as the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve and the belief that getting it right early is less costly than trying to fix it later;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ben Sproul, Mayor of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, proclaim **April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month** and hereby call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

This the 12th day of April, 2021.

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Ben Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk



The Kill Devil Hills' Buildings and Grounds Department erected a pinwheel display at the Town Hall flag pole for the month of April, observing National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Additional information can be obtained at www.preventchildabuse.org. You may report a concern of child abuse by calling the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services at (252) 475-5500, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or by calling 911 if it is an emergency.



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PROCLAMATION DECLARING April 22, 2021 AS EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, human kind is currently facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including large-scale migration, extreme inequality and poverty, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, no matter their race, gender, income, sexual orientation or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and

WHEREAS, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2021 as

EARTH DAY

throughout Kill Devil Hills and encourage all of its citizens, businesses, and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and promote environmental and climate literacy.

This the 12th day of April, 2021.

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