



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

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.

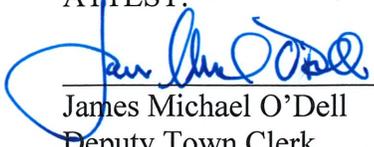
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Ben Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:



James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk