



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

May 10, 2021

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

1. Proclamations (Attached MA-1A, MA-1B, and MA-1C)

- A. May 15, 2021, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10-15, 2021, as Police Week**
- B. Hurricane Preparedness Week**
- C. Beach Safety Week**

These proclamations highlight the importance of our first responders and the critical role that our law enforcement plays in maintaining our communities while also protecting the rights and interests of all of our citizens and visitors, keeping the Town of Kill Devil Hills a safe place to work, visit, and live.

Preparation also plays a critical role in our coastal environment. With the upcoming storm season, our Emergency Management Director Fire Chief Troy Tilley reminds all of us that preparation for storm events, or even for a visit to our beaches, is the key to weathering the storms that all too often affect our communities or threaten our families.

I recommend approval of these proclamations and a motion or motions would be in order for their adoption.



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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 15, 2021, AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND MAY 9-15, 2021, AS POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as *Peace Officers Memorial Day*, and the week in which it falls as *Police Week*; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Kill Devil Hills play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Kill Devil Hills; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the challenges, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of Kill Devil Hills has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 9 – 15, 2021 as *Police Week* with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FURTHER calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills to observe Monday, May 15, 2021 as *Peace Officers Memorial Day* in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

This the 10th day of May, 2021.

SEAL

Ben Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk



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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 9 – 15, 2021, AS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, historically, many destructive and deadly tropical storms and hurricanes have made landfall in, or impacted North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, during the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which occurs June 1 through November 30, coastal and inland communities in North Carolina are at risk of being impacted by powerful tropical storms and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is at highest risk of being impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane in the later part of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, with most of the major storms occurring between August and October; and

WHEREAS, the high winds, storm surge, coastal erosion, and inland flooding associated with these storms threaten the lives and property of our citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, advance planning and preparation by citizens, visitors, businesses, communities, and government safeguards lives, protects property, mitigates impacts, protects our economy, and enhances the Town of Kill Devil Hills' resilience; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service recommends that individuals, families, and businesses take important steps to prepare for the next major storm by:

Determining your Risk

Develop an Evacuation Plan

Assemble Disaster Supplies

Get an Insurance Check-Up

Strengthen your Home

Help your Neighbor

Complete a Written Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim **May 9 – 15, 2021**, as

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges all citizens, visitors, and businesses to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance. Citizens are encouraged to find helpful information at the National Weather Service: *<https://www.weather.gov/safety/hurricane>*

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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 24 – 31, 2021, AS BEACH SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastline of Kill Devil Hills represents a world-renowned recreational resource; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

WHEREAS, the aquatic environment has dangers, particularly rip currents, that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer beach season; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike must remember these helpful messages: Learn to Swim, Swim Near a Lifeguard, Swim with a Buddy, Check with the Lifeguards, Use Sunscreen and Drink Water, Obey Posted Signs and Flags, Keep the Beach and Water Clean, Learn Rip Current Safety, Enter Water Feet First and Wear a Life Jacket.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim **May 24 – 31, 2021** as

Beach Safety Week

in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges all patrons using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year, while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their families.

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