



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

October 11, 2021

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

1. Proclamation (Attached MA-1A)

A. Proclamation Declaring November 2021 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that gradually erodes memory and cognitive skills and ultimately, a person's ability to carry out the simplest tasks. Alzheimer's disease has afflicted almost six million Americans of all ages, and it affects one in 10 people aged 65 and older. Since 2000, deaths from the disease have increased 123%. Campaigns and heightened awareness generate discussion, reducing stigmas associated with the disease and increasing familiarity through an open dialogue and information exchange. Caregivers and loved ones of those affected by this disease can find more information through many sources, including the national Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or 1-800-272-3900.

I recommend the Board of Commissioners adopt this proclamation designating November 2021 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Kill Devil Hills.



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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 6th leading cause of death for American adults and the 5th leading cause of death in adults age 65 and older, with over 120,000 Americans losing their lives annually; 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, develop treatments and a 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 2021, as

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and commends its observance to all citizens.

This the 11th day of October, 2021.

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ATTEST:

Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk