



## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

MEMORANDUM

March 7, 2022

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ben A. Sproul, Mayor

REF: Mayor's Agenda

### **1. Trash Attack! 2022**

I am pleased to announce that the Trash Attack! community clean-up event is back! This year's event will be held at Aviation Park on Saturday April 9, 2022, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., with a rain date of Sunday, April 10, 2022, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. As we transition back into our first in-person Trash Attack! following COVID, we are conducting a “lite” event to best maintain participant comfort levels. In addition to an event t-shirt, participants will be offered bottled water and individually-wrapped snack bars. Due to school scheduling and timelines, Trash Attack! will reintroduce its popular poster contest in 2023.

I encourage everyone to join in on the fun and excitement as we come together and clean up our community. Additional information and participation forms are available on the Town's website at [www.kdhnc.com](http://www.kdhnc.com).

### **2. Proclamations (Attached MA-2A and MA-2B)**

**A. April 2022 as Autism Awareness Month in Kill Devil Hills**

**B. April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kill Devil Hills**

These proclamations honor the issues and children important to our community and vital to society. I recommend approval of these proclamations and a motion or motions would be in order for their adoption.



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## **A Proclamation Declaring April 2022 as Autism Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

**WHEREAS**, autism awareness efforts are increasing in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2022, as

### **Autism Awareness Month**

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and hereby and urges our citizens to become better educated about autism and to help create a better community for individuals with autism.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk



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### **A Proclamation Declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**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 Town's Fire Station #14 will host an installation of pinwheels to commemorate this month, 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**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2022, as

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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